



# St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

January 26, 2020  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1515 Western Ave.  
Grafton, ND 58237

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, Grafton  
Sunday: 7:30 am - Sacred Heart, Oakwood  
9:30 am - St. John, Grafton

## Reconciliation

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

## 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

Office Manager: DeeDee Vogsland

Administrative Assistant: Kathy Swanson

Environmental Services:

David Demester, Paul Bina

**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 Eucharistic Ministers of Communion** - on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:15 pm

**FORMED:** Youth and Adult Faith Formation at [formed.org](http://formed.org) Parish Access code: PNWMV2  
**Bulletin** - find it at [stjohnsgrafton.com](http://stjohnsgrafton.com)

**Emails:** Father Jeff at [fr.jeff@stjohnsgrafton.com](mailto:fr.jeff@stjohnsgrafton.com)  
DeeDee at [deedee@stjohnsgrafton.com](mailto:deedee@stjohnsgrafton.com)

Need a ride to church:  
Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730  
or Jim Kosmatka at 360-2061

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

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

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

**Youth Committee:** Marty Balderas, William Jiskra, Mary Kerian, Nancy Miller, Josie Suda, Maggie Suda, Molly Zahradka  
Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

**Bulletin Deadline** - Wednesday 4:00 p.m.

**Bottles for Life - Sanctity of Human Life** - Please pick up a Baby Bottle to support the Pregnancy Help Center of Park River. You can fill it with either pocket change or a check. We ask that you return it to the church by Sunday, February 16th. Thank you for your help!

## Congratulations to the newly Baptized Children into our Faith Community:

Zelda Grace Holdvogt Pinta, daughter of Frank & Janice Pinta  
William Kipp Morgan, son of Todd & Mary Morgan  
Orion Carlos Gonzalez, son of Alexander & Stephanie Gonzalez



Pope Francis has decreed that from now on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is the Sunday of the Word of God. This means we put a spotlight on the eminent place Holy Scripture has and should have in the life of the Church and in the personal spirituality of every Catholic. This connection between Scripture and the Church's life was addressed in the Second Ecumenical Council at the Vatican (1962-65), also known as Vatican II, in a document titled *Dei Verbum*, which is the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation.

*Dei Verbum* states: "The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord, since, especially in the sacred liturgy, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life from the table both of God's word and of Christ's body. She has always maintained them, and continues to do so, together with sacred tradition, as the supreme rule of faith, since, as inspired by God and committed once and for all to writing, they impart the word of God Himself without change, and make the voice of the Holy Spirit resound in the words of the prophets and Apostles. Therefore, like the Christian religion itself, all the preaching of the Church must be nourished and regulated by Sacred Scripture. For in the sacred books, the Father who is in Heaven meets His children with great love and speaks with them; and the force and power in the word of God is so great that it stands as the support and energy of the Church, the strength of faith for her sons, the food of the soul, the pure and everlasting source of spiritual life" (n. 21).

The Scriptures should be a continuous source of nourishment for our souls. God does speak to us in His Divine Word, both in the written word and tradition, but most definitively in the Incarnation of His Son, Jesus Christ. All the Scriptures point to this tangible reality of God's love – the Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us. Jesus Christ is proclaimed, adored and received at every Mass.

We should not be afraid to be engaged by God, Who pulls back the veil of mystery and shows Himself through the Scriptures. Read the Bible and get to know Him more personally. Every piece of Scripture was inspired by the Holy Spirit, which means that God is the primary author. We could say, then, that the Bible is the supreme collection of God's love letters to us from Heaven. So, spend a little time each day reading the Gospel to learn more about Jesus and what it means to be His disciple. St. Jerome said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." I pray we may never be ignorant of Him.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Exciting news! Starting Sunday evening, March 1st and ending Wednesday night, March 4th, we're having a Parish Mission led by Catholic Lay Evangelist, Bill Wegner, of Good News International. The thrust of the mission is to bring us into a closer walk with Our Lord Jesus. Plan to be there...and bring a friend!

**Eucharist & Intentions**

**Saturday, January 25**

5:00 p.m. - Delores Desautel +

**Sunday, January 26**

7:30 a.m. Oakwood - Parishioners

9:30 a.m. - John Desautel +

**Monday, January 27**

10:30 a.m. St. John - Funeral, Mary Lou Cyr +

**Tuesday, January 28**

5:15 p.m. - Jim Gaustad +

**Wednesday, January 29**

10:15 a.m. Sunset - Stanley Langowski +

**Thursday, January 30**

9:00 a.m. - Orell Sevigny +

1:45 p.m. LSTC - Lynn Ebert +

**Friday, January 31**

9:00 a.m. - Mike Callahan +

**Saturday, February 1**

5:00 p.m. - Dorothy Bittner +

**Sunday, February 2**

7:30 a.m. Oakwood - Parishioners

9:30 a.m. - Randy Dusek +



**Our Sympathy  
to the Family of  
Mary Lou Cyr**

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Steve Dolan, Les Aasand, Jane Zidon, Karsyn Bladow, Ed Boura, Vivian Collette Secriest, Gene Hagen, Clifford Bailly, Graham Baker, Chris Loveless, Linda Loveless, JoAnne Sevigny, Ken Jarolimek, Frances Schuster, Aldo Rodriguez, Barb Estad-Foerster, Daryle MacDonald, Marvin French, Kevin Bailly, Brian Fehr, Francis Boulduc, Paul Lunski, Bonnie Shannon, Judy Wolter, Michelle Such, Robert Carroll, Jon Hills, Richard Anderson, Judy Jiskra, Suzanne Burns, Jodi McCarthy, Diane Lee, Hope Reis, Patrice & Thea Katz, Brad Schuster, Hiladore Osowski, Ron Nowacki, Monica Rudnik, Chad Demers, Jeanne Silewski, Ray Capp, JoAnn & Roger Mattson, Ryan Suda, Emma Basting, John Campbell, Jennifer Osowski, Michelle Collette Donarski, Roger Amiot, Kevin Hoenke, Adly Galle Jaehning, Kathy Ruzicka

**Prayers for Family Members in the  
Military and Law Enforcement:**

LTC. Ryan Reichert serving in Hofuf, Saudi Arabia

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

Ministry	February 1	February 2	February 8	February 9
February Eucharistic Ministers	5:00 pm Paten: Doris Dahlgren 9:30 am Chalice: Sheila Trontvet, Cindy Janousek Paten: Pat Dusek, John Dusek Chalice: Rosa Aguilar, Mary Dusek, Elaine Novak, Donald Suda			
Proclaimers	Janice Houska	Pat Wangler	Mary (Tom) Dusek	Roger Allmaras
Altar Servers	Matt Houska Chris Fehr	Tony Balderas Robert Parsons Shay Risky Chloe Woinarowicz	Chris Fehr Matt Houska	Joshua Blanchard Tyler Mayer Josie Suda Paige Suda
Greeters	Lee & Linda Lessard Betty Feltman	Jack & Kathy Maus Christine Bjorneby	Doris Dahlgren Janice Houska Jesse Forster	Laurie Johnson Judy Keeley Luke Holt
Money Counters		Paul Bina Sheila Trontvet		Judy Keeley Jim Kosmatka

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Thank you for giving God the first fruits  
rather than the leftovers! God bless you!**

January 19, 2020 \$5,564.000

<b>Given in 2019</b>	<b>Goal for 2019</b>
\$ 18,223.80	\$385,000.00
\$ 67,253.00	God's Gift (Pledged \$67,403.00) \$ 82,942.00

**Book of the Month - The Devil in the City of Angels:  
My Encounters with the Diabolical by Jesse Romero.**

Jesse Romero encountered the demonic while working for the LASD. Discover the true stories of spiritual warfare being waged in the streets and alleys of L.A. "The Devil in the City of Angels" is much more than a catalog of strange and terrifying events. It exposes Satan as the Father of Lies so we can see how he works, and how to defeat him. Drawing on his own experiences, as well as the most authoritative sources, Romero offers the reader numerous cautionary tales but, also, that hope that is only found in Jesus Christ and his Church.

**St. John Memorial**

Mike Callahan	\$40	Unrestricted
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**UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:**

Funeral - Mary Lou Cyr	Monday, Jan. 27, 10:30 am
Faith Formation	Wednesday, Jan. 29
Quilting, after 9 am Mass	Thursday, Jan. 30
Faith Formation	Wednesday, Feb. 5

The Cookbook Deadline is Friday, January 31st.  
Please submit your favorite recipes as soon as possible.  
To submit recipes: Enter online and go to this website:  
[www.typensave.com](http://www.typensave.com)

Then click Login

User Name: Fundraise4stjohns

Password: whisk458

Next, user information will pop up, For the User, enter your own name, for email, enter your email. Next click on add recipes.

You can drop your recipes off at the Parish Office, or you can give them to Mary Kerian, Nancy Miller or Maggie Suda. Thank you!

**Mardi Gras will be held on Tuesday, February 25th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Tickets are available for \$40 per person. Please consider volunteering to help. Call 352-1648 (parish office) and speak to Kathy if you are interested.**

**Sacred Heart - Oakwood**

Sunday: February 2, 2020

Proclaimer: Jean

Altar Server: Kayden & Zachary Swanson

January Cleaning: Group 2

Collection: Jan. 19	Storm Day
Year to Date	\$ 1,154.00
God's Gift Goal	\$ 7,816.00
Pledged Amt.	\$ 7,800.00
Amount Given	\$ 7,800.00

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

## *This is a basic history of the Bible*

In 136AD, after the Bar Kokhba revolt, the Jews declared that the 7 extra books of Alexandrian Canon were not to be considered scripture because they were used by the Catholic Church. These consist of seven books: Tobit, Judith, Baruch, Sirach (Ecclesiasticus), Wisdom, First and Second Maccabees; also certain additions to Esther and Daniel. The Hebrew Masoretic Text of 24 books was established as their Scripture. The 24 books were later reorganized into the 39 books of the current Protestant Old Testament.

The oldest list of the New Testament books is an incomplete scrap of parchment known as the Muratorian fragment from around 170AD. It lists the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, Acts, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians, Ephesians, Phillipians, Colossians, Galatians, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians, Romans, Philemon, Titus, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy, Jude, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> John, Wisdom of Solomon, Revelation of John, Revelation of Peter as scripture.

In 360AD, the Council of Laodicea listed a canon of scripture that had 26 of the 27 books of the New Testament leaving off the Book of Revelation.

In 367AD, Bishop Athanasius of Alexandria listed the 27 books of the New Testament in his Easter letter sent to his Churches.

In 382AD, Pope Damasus at the Council of Rome listed the 27 books of the New Testament and 46 books of the Old Testament as the Canon of Scripture.

In 383AD, Pope Damasus commissions St. Jerome to make a Latin translation of the New and Old Testament Scriptures. Jerome used the Hebrew Masoretic texts for his Old Testament translation and Greek writings for the New Testament translation. The Masoretic texts didn't include the Deuterocanonical books because the Jews had rejected them. Jerome made a Latin translation of these books after they were confirmed by the Councils of Hippo and Carthage.

In 386AD, the Council of Hippo came up with the same list of 46 OT and 27 NT books.

In 397AD, the Council of Carthage, again, under Augustine came up with the same list and sent it to Rome for approval.

In 405AD, Pope Innocent I listed the 27 books of the New Testament and 46 books of the Old Testament in his Easter letter to the Bishop of Lyon in France.

In 787AD, the Second Council of Nicaea accepted the decrees of previous smaller Councils. This included the Canon of Scripture determined in 397 by the Council of Carthage.

In 1441, the Council of Florence approved the list of books accepted by the Councils of Rome, Hippo and Carthage.

In 1550AD, the list of 46 OT books and 27 NT books were made official of the Council of Trent.

This is why there is a difference, today, between the Protestant and Catholic Bibles. It wasn't until the end of the 300s that the New Testament Scriptures were established. The Didache, the Shepherd of Hermas, 1<sup>st</sup> Clement to the Corinthians, and the Epistle of Barnabas were read in many early Churches. The Book of Revelation, 2 Peter, 2 and 3 John, Jude, James and the Book of Hebrews were considered questionable by many. The Catholic Church that teaches that baptism forgives sins, that Jesus is present in the Eucharist, and that the Bishop of Rome was the head of the Church, is the Church that decided which books are the divinely inspired words of God. No other church can claim that. The Bible contains divinely inspired writings. But they need to be interpreted. The thousands of different Protestant churches have different interpretations of these divinely inspired writings. The Catholic Church has the oldest and original understanding of these writings. The Pope is the successor of the minister that Jesus left behind to feed His sheep and tend His flock. This same Jesus promised to be with His church to the end of time (Matt28:20). Jesus didn't leave us a book to put our trust in. He left us a Church to teach us what He taught the Apostles. We put our trust in the Church Jesus founded, not a book or a man. No other church claims to have developed the list of the books in the Bible, they all inherited it from the Catholic Church.



