



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

February 9, 2020
Fifth 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 go to formed.org

Bulletin - find it at stjohnsgrafton.com

Emails: Father Jeff at fr.jeff@stjohnsgrafton.com
DeeDee at 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, Kelly Dokken, 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.

Mardi Gras will be held on Tuesday, February 25th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. to raise money for our Youth Ministry. **Tickets are available at both entrances before and after Mass today and will be for the following two weekends.** Join us for a wonderful meal of Prime Rib, Baked Chicken & fellowship.

Theme: Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit!

Get ready! Our week of parish renewal is coming in a few short weeks. The dates are Sunday night, March 1st through Wednesday night, March 4th. Bill Wegner, a Catholic Lay Evangelist, will be leading this year's mission. It will be a fantastic way to deepen our relationships with God and with each other. Plan to be there...and bring a friend! We will be taking a freewill offering...no tickets needed to attend. Each night we will also, be having a snack and fellowship after Bill's presentation.



Do we really want to be a man or woman of God? For those who respond with a resounding, "YES!" the Scriptures should be a normal, daily part of our lives. God works through His Word to form our humanity in holiness and love. He both corrects and encourages us. The Bible is filled with hopefulness. Frequent contemplation of God's Word begets in us a richer experience of the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, Who comes to us in the Holy Eucharist. In the Eucharist, Jesus truly satisfies the hungry heart.

Woefully, the Word of God will never tug upon the heartstrings of the lukewarm because they just don't care. Worldly things are their satisfaction. Sadly, the majority of Catholics are like this - spiritually dead inside. It's heartbreaking, because God created us for Himself. He is love and wants us to be with Him forever. He is the joy of the soul, and a soul without Him will never experience heavenly delight. We need to pray for our apathetic brothers and sisters to wake from their spiritual slumber. Jesus wants to save them and we should want that too.

Fortunately, the joyful witness of our own life in Christ can bring many souls back to God. When the Scriptures are read intently and pondered upon, our minds are nourished in the Truth and our hearts are inflamed with the spark of divine love. The Holy Spirit gently courts our soul, offering it the subtle taste of eternal things. Slowly, little by little, our soul yearns for the Divine Word to quench our thirst for perfect and infinite love. This maturing of our Faith is seen in the exuberant witness of our life. A Catholic on fire with the love of God cannot help but enkindle everything around them.

The dynamic is similar to a couple getting to know each other. The more time spent together, the more acute their knowledge and appreciation of each other becomes. Eventually, love blossoms, inspiring them to commit to each other. They're in love and everyone knows it by how they act. Faithfully reading the Bible with an eagerness to know and love God deepens our personal bond with Him, which then flowers into a public witness. We fall in love with Jesus, and everyone knows it by how we act.

Furthermore, if we combine the Scriptures with receiving Jesus worthily in Holy Communion, and spend an hour a week with Him in Eucharistic adoration, there is no limit to the depth of holiness and divine intimacy we can experience. I pray that every parishioner will fervently crave this divine intimacy with the Lord. Don't be afraid to read the Bible and get to know Him. He loves you.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Eucharist & Intentions

Saturday, February 8

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

Sunday, February 9

7:30 a.m. Oakwood - Cyril Seeba +

9:30 a.m. - Parishioners

Monday, February 10

No Mass

Tuesday, February 11

5:15 p.m. - Orell Sevigny +

Wednesday, February 12

10:15 a.m. Sunset - Deanne Pilon +

Thursday, February 13

9:00 a.m. - James Horning +

1:45 p.m. LSTC - Charles Wilkes +

Friday, February 14

9:00 a.m. - Randy Dusek +

Saturday, February 15

5:00 p.m. - Alvin Jochim +

Sunday, February 16

7:30 a.m. Oakwood - Parishioners

9:30 a.m. - Paul Suda +



Please Pray for the Sick:

Larry Durand, 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

Bottles for Life - Sanctity of Human Life - Please return your baby bottles to the church by Sunday, February 16th. Thank you for your support.

The Knights of Columbus will be meeting on Monday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Bishop Folda's **God's Gift Appeal video** will be shown next weekend, Saturday, February 15th and Sunday, February 16th. Commitment Weekend for 2020 will be February 23-24. Please pray for guidance as you fill out your commitment cards.

Ministry	February 15	February 16	February 22	February 23
February Eucharistic Ministers	5:00 pm Paten: Doris Dahlgren Chalice: Sheila Trontvet, Cindy Janousek 9:30 am Paten: Pat Dusek, John Dusek Chalice: Rosa Aguilar, Mary Dusek, Elaine Novak, Donald Suda			
Proclaimers	Kathy Grzadzielewski	Greg Campbell	Cynthia Janousek	Jack Desautel
Altar Servers	Matt Houska Chris Fehr	Tony Balderas August Miller Laila Miller	Chris Fehr Matt Houska	Robert Parsons Camden Risky Chloe Woinarowicz
Greeters	Paul & Sandi Houdek Mary (Tom) Dusek	Dave Demester Mickey Schumacher Pat Dusek	Doug & Susan Kirkeby Robin Holt	Sue Callahan Janelle Woinarowicz Griselda Moreno
Money Counters		Bev Dolan Cynthia Holt		Connie Johnson Sue Callahan

STEWARDSHIP

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

February 2, 2020 \$11,348.25

Given in 2020

\$ 34,740.55

\$ 68,253.00

Goal for 2020

\$385,000.00

\$ 82,942.00

God's Gift 2019 (Pledged \$69,818.00)

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

KC Meeting

Monday, Feb. 10, 7:00 pm

Faith Formation

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Quilting, after 9 am Mass

Thursday, Feb. 13

Joint Council Meeting

Thurs., Feb. 20, 7:00 pm

Mardi Gras

Tues., Feb. 25, 6:00-8:00 pm

KC Fish Fry

Fri., Feb. 28, 5:00-7:00 pm

Bible Study on the Book of Romans

Adults and Teens welcome! Starting on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 pm. The book fee will be \$26.95 each. Please call and sign up to attend this study of God's Word. 352-1648

St. John Memorial

Mike Callahan

\$25

Unrestricted

Mike Callahan

\$110

Unrestricted

Sacred Heart Memorial

Mary Lou Cyr

\$80

Cemetery Fund

Mary Lou Cyr

\$20

Cemetery Operating Fund

Mary Lou Cyr

\$20

Unrestricted

Sacred Heart in Oakwood would like to invite you :

Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 23rd

from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Free will offering for the meal of

Pancakes, Sausages and Scrambled Eggs.

Everyone Welcome!

God's Gift Appeal Commitment Weekend for 2020 is on February 23rd -24th. Please bring the personalized commitment card you receive in the mail to Mass with you as we join together to support our Catholic Church on that day. Each parish has been asked to reach a goal which is set in order that, together, we may accept the financial responsibility for many necessary diocesan services. Our hope is that each one of us shares in a combined effort to reach this goal.

St. John's Goal for 2020

\$88,058.00

Sacred Hearts Goal for 2020

\$7,961.00

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Sunday: February 16, 2020

Proclaimer: Ed

Altar Server: Kayden & Zachary Swanson

February Cleaning: Group 2

Collection: Feb. 2 \$ 1,025.00

Year to Date \$ 2,748.00

God's Gift Goal 2019 \$ 7,816.00

Pledged Amt. \$ 8,000.00

Amount Given \$ 7,800.00

Lay Directors: Ed Sevigny, Lori Cyr

Pastoral/Finance Council: Susan

Suda, Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde,

Lee Osowski, Bobby Osowski

We are asking that you Please Call the Parish Office
if you have a new phone number or address!
We would like to keep the parishioner records up to date and need your help to do so.



Food Collection

Walsh County Food Pantry Requests:

Canned Tuna or Salmon

Jello - Pudding

Canned Fruit

Hamburger Helper

Cake Mixes

Laundry Soap

Thank you for your Donations!

He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will repay him for his good deed. Proverbs 19:17

Sign up sheet for Sunday, March 1st - Wednesday March 4th, after Bill Wegner presentation:

Sunday, March 1st Name _____ Phone _____

Would you like to serve or bring Muffins, Cupcakes or Fruit? _____

Monday, March 2nd Name _____ Phone _____

Would you like to serve or bring Bars or Fruit? _____

Tuesday, March 3rd Name _____ Phone _____

Would you like to serve or bring Bread, Coffeecake or Fruit? _____
(lemon bread, banana bread, blueberry bread, etc.)

Wednesday, March 4th Name _____ Phone _____

Would you like to serve or bring Cookies or Fruit? _____

We would like to have 4 people to serve each night. We plan to have coffee, lemonade and water each night, along with a small lunch, so people can have a time of fellowship after the presentations. We will be using paper products to serve these finger foods to keep clean up at a minimum. Other area churches are, also, invited to these mission nights and we would like to welcome everyone that attends.

You can call the office to sign up or you can just drop this sheet into the collection basket at Mass.

*We encourage all Parishioners to register for “Formed”
Formed is a platform of award-winning Catholic content, including,
children’s programming, youth programs, bible studies, devotionals,
audio talks, e-books, current topics and more. Formed is for the
whole family and all ages!*

Instructions to sign up: Go onto the internet and go to:

Formed.org

Click on - Signup

Click on - I belong to a parish or organization

Find your parish or organization in the search bar and enter 58237

Click on – St. John the Evangelist (it’ll show up under the zip code you entered)

Click on – Next

Enter your Name

Enter your Email

Click on – Signup

Now you should be in “Formed”

*Since you have now signed up, the next time you go to Formed.org, you
can just **click on – sign in** (which is in the upper right of your screen)
and it will take you right to the site. EEZY-PEEZY!*

Get Ready!

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to St. John's, we extend to you a warm and heartfelt welcome. Please call the office to register, or fill out the following information and drop it into the mail or the Sunday collection. We'll be in touch with you right away.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

