



# St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

February 23, 2020  
Seventh 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](http://formed.org)

**Bulletin** - find it at [stjohnsgrafton.com](http://stjohnsgrafton.com)

**Emails:** Father Jeff at  
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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  
Szklański, 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, Alexa  
Holt, William Jiskra, Mary Kerian, Nancy  
Miller, Jackie Osowski, Josie Suda, Maggie  
Suda, Molly Zahradka  
Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

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

**Sacred Heart Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, February 23rd**  
from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. A free will offering for the meal of  
Pancakes, Sausages and Scrambled Eggs.  
Everyone Welcome!

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



Lent is a time of spiritual renewal for the whole Body of Christ as we go into the desert with Jesus and spend 40 days of prayer and self-denial. Whatever a person decides to do during Lent, it should be kept between them and the Lord and not shouted out from the rooftops. When doing a sacrifice, consciously offer it to the Lord for an intention. An intention could be for the salvation of souls, conversion of sinners, conversion for a specific person(s), for your family, the souls in Purgatory, etc. Here is a list of various things a person can do during Lent to deepen their relationship with God.

- Go to daily Mass at least once during the week.
- Come by the church for a few minutes each day and greet Jesus in the tabernacle.
- Pray the Rosary every day. If not used to praying the Rosary, then pray one of the 20 mysteries each day.
- Pray the Divine Mercy chaplet daily.
- Read a passage of Scripture daily.
- Read a good Catholic book.
- Offer a prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory each day.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday. Another option is to pray one or two Stations each day and ponder on them.
- Spend the first 15 minutes of each day in quiet prayer.
- Pray each day for those who have offended you.
- Go out of your way daily to say or do something kind to someone you don't like.
- Do or say something kind to your siblings each day.
- Offer to help people, especially when it's inconvenient for you.
- Fast one day a week on bread and water, or the regular fast of one full meal and two others that together don't equal one full meal.
- Give up snacks between meals.
- Fast from social media for a day each week.
- Give up social media in the evenings.
- Fast from television for a period of time.
- If you don't exercise regularly, then exercise one or two times a week and offer it to God.
- Tell your spouse each day that you love them.
- Focus on a sin you struggle with and seek to conquer it by the end of Lent. With God's help all things are possible.
- Offer a sacrifice secretly each day or each week for your family or the souls in Purgatory or a deceased loved one.
- Quietly ruin the taste of your food for one meal a day. This means putting salt, sugar, pepper, etc. on something to ruin its taste and then eat it without complaining or letting anyone but God know.

Be creative in ways to love others.

**FASTING & ABSTINENCE:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

## Eucharist & Intentions

### Saturday, February 22

5:00 p.m. - Dorothy Bittner +

### Sunday, February 23

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

9:30 a.m. - Parishioners

### Monday, February 24

No Mass

### Tuesday, February 25

5:15 p.m. - Robert Belanus +

### Wednesday, February 26 - Ash Wednesday

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

12:00 Noon at St. John - Ann Fayette +

6:30 p.m. at St. John - Mike Callahan +

### Thursday, February 27

1:45 p.m. LSTC - Frank & Elinor Nelson Misialek +

5:15 p.m. - Orell Sevigny +

### Friday, February 28

5:15 p.m. - Joseph Duray +

Stations of the Cross following Mass

### Saturday, February 29

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

### Sunday, March 1

7:30 a.m. Oakwood - Parishioners

9:30 a.m. - John & Rose Brosius +



### 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, 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

### Bible Study on the Book of Romans

**Adults and Teens welcome!** We will be starting on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 pm. The book fee will be \$26.95 each. Please call Deacon Mike or the parish office to sign up, 352-1648. This is an opportunity to study God's word with others.

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 29	March 1	March 7	March 8
March Eucharistic Ministers	5:00 pm Paten: Patricia Kram 9:30 am Chalice: Kay Wilebski, Mary Bailly Paten: Greg Dusek, Linda Schumacher Chalice: Jon Jelinek, David Schumacher, Brad Suda, Paul Dusek			
Proclaimers	Brian Van Bruggen	Paul Dolan	Lunette Kliniske	James Dusek
Altar Servers	Matt Houska Chris Fehr	Joshua Blanchard Laila Miller August Miller	Chris Fehr Matt Houska	Robert Parsons Josie Suda Paige Suda
Greeters	Frank & Cindy Janousek Kay Wilebski	Bob & Sharon Mlcoch Jill Petersen	Sheila Trontvet Delores Novak Jean Clark	Judy Keeley Doris Dahlgren Luke Holt
Money Counters		Cynthia Collette Paul Bina		Cynthia Holt Marty Balderas

## STEWARDSHIP

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

February 16, 2020 \$4,472.00

### Given in 2020

\$ 45,578.55

\$ 68,253.00

### Goal for 2020

\$385,000.00

\$ 82,942.00

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

### Theme: Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit!

The final countdown is on! It's just a matter of days! Our parish mission **begins next Sunday night, March 1st.** We have been planning, preparing and praying that God would bless these four days in a mighty way. Come with an expectant faith... expecting God to bring you into a new place with Him. There is no doubt that it will be a special time for everyone in our community... a time of inner healing and outer transformation. See you there! And remember...bring a friend!

We will be taking a free will offering for this event. Please join us for a light lunch & fellowship after the presentation!

### UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Mardi Gras	Tues., Feb. 25, 6:00-8:00 pm
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, Feb. 26
Quilting, after 9 am Mass	Thursday, Feb. 27
KC Fish Fry	Fri., Feb. 28, 5:00-7:00 pm
Parish Mission, Bill Wegner	Sunday, March 1, 7:00 pm
Parish Mission, Bill Wegner	Monday, March 2, 7:00 pm
Parish Mission, Bill Wegner	Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 pm
Parish Mission, Bill Wegner	Wed., March 4, 7:00 pm
<i>(Parish Mission - Light lunch &amp; fellowship to follow each evening!)</i>	
Soup & Saint Night	Mon., March 2, after Mass

This Weekend is **Commitment Weekend for the 2020 God's Gift Appeal.** The parish goal's are: for St. John's \$88,058.00 and for Sacred Heart \$7,961.00. Please complete your pledge card, indicating your gift or your pledge. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our diocesan church.

**Altar Server Training** - Next Sunday, March 1st at 10:30 a.m. after Mass. At the end of training we will discuss a fun outing for all the servers.

### St. John Memorial

Mike Callahan	\$140	Cemetery Fund
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## Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Sunday: March 1, 2020

Proclaimer: Guy

Altar Server: Kayden & Zachary Swanson

March Cleaning: Group 3

Collection: Feb. 16	\$ 535.00
Year to Date	\$ 4,114.00
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







