



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

March 1, 2020
First Sunday of Lent

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 stjohnsgraffton.com

Emails: Father Jeff at jeffeppler40@hotmail.com
DeeDee at deedee@stjohnsgraffton.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, 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.

Theme: Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit!

Well, It's finally here! Come One! Come All! Our parish mission begins tonight at 7:00 p.m. Be renewed! Be expectant! Be there! And remember to bring a friend! Bill Wegner will be speaking Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. and, also, at 9:00 a.m. at St. John's on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday morning. Then, after the 10:15 a.m. Mass at Sunset on Wednesday he will also speak. Come and be encouraged!

Please join us on Monday for Mass at 5:15, then at 7:00 p.m. for our Parish Mission with Bill Wegner speaking, followed by a light lunch & fellowship. Note: We will NOT be having Soup & Saint night on Monday, March 2nd. We will not have Faith Formation on Wednesday, March 4th, but we do ask that you attend our Parish Mission with Bill Wegner that evening instead!



Throughout the entire season of Lent, we will be chanting the *Angus Dei* (Lamb of God) at all the Masses in Latin. Latin is the official language of the Church. We should learn some of the responses in the Church's mother tongue, which, as members of the Church, is our spiritual mother tongue. The Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) calls us to know some of the Mass parts in Latin as stated in its Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*): "Particular law remaining in force, the use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites" (n. 36.1).

A "rite" is a particular form of worship in the Church that has a specific language and structure. The entire Western world is under the Latin rite. The English version of the Mass that we celebrate is translated from the Latin. In *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Church gave permission for the Mass to be translated from the Latin and offered in the vernacular (for us, that would be English). Although the Mass can now be said in the local language of the people, the document went on to state, "Nevertheless steps should be taken so that the faithful, may also be able to say or to sing together, in Latin, those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them" (n. 54).

Obedience to what Christ asks of us through His Church is why we are going to learn the Lamb of God in Latin. As a matter of fact, the Lamb of God we have been singing for the last five months already contains half of the Latin response. We're just going to sing it in its entirety. Hopefully, by the end of Lent, everyone will have it memorized so it can be chanted periodically instead of at every Mass. Over time, we will learn a few other responses in Latin. At some point I will introduce the *Kyrie*, which is the oldest Penitential rite in the Church, going back to the first century. We Catholics have such an incredibly rich spiritual tradition and I am eager for us to enjoy as much of it together as we can.

Now, for those who may misinterpret the introduction of Latin as a movement to go back to the old Tridentine Mass, I have this to say: I am not planning on offering the Extraordinary Form of the Mass (which is the Latin Mass) or start offering Mass with my back to the people. Even though I have every right to do both of those as granted to me by the Church, I do not plan on doing so. Anyone who starts spreading rumors that I'll be doing either of those is under the influence of the devil. Gossip, rumors and misinformation are some of the areas in which the evil one operates. We need to stick with Jesus Christ, Who is the Truth and the Light.

By learning a few of the Mass parts in Latin, we are being obedient to Jesus, Who has asked for this through His Church. Whenever we attend Mass, it is never about glorifying ourselves, but about offering to God the pure worship that is due Him. We are called to do His will, not our own. Our will gets us a hole in hell; His will gets us a mansion in heaven. We are obedient to Him because we love him. So, let's worship Him the way He wants to be worshipped. He will bless us for it.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Eucharist & Intentions

Saturday, February 29

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

Sunday, March 1

7:30 a.m. Oakwood - Parishioners

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

7:00 p.m. - Parish Mission

Monday, March 2

5:15 p.m. - Louis & Alma Collette +

7:00 p.m. - Parish Mission

Tuesday, March 3

5:15 p.m. - Charlie Tweten +

7:00 p.m. - Parish Mission

Wednesday, March 4

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

10:30 a.m. **Funeral** - Larry Durand +

5:15 p.m. at St. John - Eugene Burns +

7:00 p.m. - Parish Mission

Thursday, March 5

1:45 p.m. LSTC - Adelaide Dvorak +

5:15 p.m. - Randy Dusek +

Friday, March 6

5:15 p.m. - Willard & Marie Hove +

Stations of the Cross following Mass

KC Fish Fry 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 7

5:00 p.m. - June French +

Sunday, March 8

7:30 a.m. Oakwood - Orell Sevigny +

9:30 a.m. - Parishioners



**Our Sympathy to
the family of
Larry Durand**

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 Foerster-Estad, 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

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

Ministry	March 7	March 8	March 14	March 15
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	Lunette Kliniske	James Dusek	Linda Restemayer	Patricia Dusek
Altar Servers	Chris Fehr Matt Houska	Robert Parsons Josie Suda Paige Suda	Matt Houska Chris Fehr	Tony Balderas Tyler Mayer Shay Risky
Greeters	Sheila Trontvet Delores Novak Jean Clark	Judy Keeley Doris Dahlgren Luke Holt	Lee & Linda Lessard Betty Feltman	Christine Bjorneby Judy Keeley Jesse Forster
Money Counters		Cynthia Holt Marty Balderas		LaRae Osowski Lunette Kliniske

STEWARDSHIP

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

February 23, 2020 \$5,116.50

Given in 2020

\$ 50,695.05

\$ 68,253.00

Goal for 2020

\$385,000.00

\$ 82,942.00

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

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

Congratulations to the newly Baptized Child into our Faith Community:

*Cohen Reign Belgrade,
Son of Ross & Taylor Belgrade*



UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Parish Mission, Bill Wegner Sunday, March 1, 7:00 pm
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Parish Mission, Bill Wegner Tuesday, March 3, 9:00 am
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Parish Mission, Bill Wegner Wed., March 4, 9:00 am
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Light lunch & fellowship to follow each evening!
Quilting at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 5th
Soup & Saint Night Monday, March 9th after Mass
Bible Study - Romans Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 pm
Faith Formation Wednesday, March 11
Staff Recollection Day - Thurs., Mar. 12, Office Closed 9:00-1:00
Stations of the Cross Friday, Mar., 6 following Mass
KC Fish Fry Fri., March 13, 5:00-7:00 pm

Bible Study on the Book of Romans

Adults and Teens welcome! We will be starting on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. and meet for 8 weeks. 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.

St. John Memorial

Mike Callahan

\$20

Cemetery Fund

Last weekend was our parish Commitment Weekend for the 2020 God's Gift Appeal. If you have not yet completed your card, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office. We would like 100% participation in sharing Christ's mission in the Diocese of Fargo.

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Sunday: March 8, 2020

Proclaimer: Peter

Altar Server: Kayden & Zachary Swanson

March Cleaning: Group 3

Collection: Feb. 23 \$ 691.00
 Year to Date \$ 4,805.00
 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

