



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

March 15, 2020
Third 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, Lee Lessard, Denise Moe, Sean Osowski, Micky Schumacher, 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, Tony Dumas, 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.

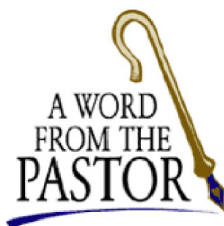
St. John's Father/Daughter Formal Dinner: Our Youth Committee will be hosting a Formal Dinner for Fathers with their Daughters on Sunday, April 19th from 5:00-7:00 pm in our Parish Center. This is only for St. John and Oakwood parishioners. There is no cost, but participants will need to register with the parish office so we have a head count in order to plan the meal. The deadline for registration is Friday, April 3. Fathers can bring more than one daughter and the fathers can be a grandfather or male legal guardian. Please dress formally and modestly.

Confirmation/First Communion Retreat: All those students in Faith Formation who are preparing to receive First Communion and Confirmation with the Bishop on May 1 must attend this retreat on Sunday, March 29 here at the parish from 1:00-4:00 pm. The retreat is a requirement by the Diocese of Fargo.

An Anonymous Donation of \$7,000.00 was received for new lighting to be installed in the parish office and rectory. Praise God for this gift!

Mildred Sevigny will be celebrating her 99th Birthday on March 20th. Fr. Jeff asks that you please consider sending her a card as a gesture of love and appreciation. Her address is 4717 Utah Avenue N., New Hope, MN 55428.

"SUICIDE The Ripple Effect" - A film and a movement for hope and healing, will be shown at the Strand Theater in Grafton on Wednesday, March 25th at 6:00 pm. The doors will open at 6:00 pm. Presentation at 6:30 pm with the film to follow. Who should attend: Adults & Teens who are accompanied by parent/adult. This is a Free event, and all participants will also receive free popcorn and pop/water. Speakers from local organizations will discuss services that are available.



Devotion to the Stations of the Cross first started with the Blessed Virgin Mary. We learn from some of the mystics of the Church that on Holy Saturday, while Jesus was still in the tomb, Our Lady retraced the steps of her Son's bitter Passion. Mary continued to do this until she moved to Ephesus with St. John. Even then, she contemplated His Passion daily.

Every Friday evening throughout Lent we pray the Stations as a memorial to the tremendous love Jesus has for each of us. Through this devotion we avail ourselves of the blessings the Lord lavishes upon our soul through His Passion, Death and Resurrection (the Paschal Mystery). We're given an amazing opportunity to contemplate His suffering while in His divine Eucharistic Presence since Jesus is physically nearby in the tabernacle. He spiritually bathes our soul in His Precious Blood while we go from Station to Station reflecting on the wounds that caused this crimson stream to gush forth for our salvation.

Praying the Stations is a great benefit not only for us, but also for the souls of the dead. The Church has attached an indulgence to praying the Stations of the Cross. An indulgence is the removal of some or all of Purgatory time. This indulgence can be reserved for us individually or we can give it to God for the soul of a specific deceased person or for the souls in Purgatory in general. The indulgence cannot be given to another person who is still alive.

I strongly encourage all parishioners to come on Friday evenings to Mass and remain afterwards to pray the Stations of the Cross together. We need grace for our own conversion, the conversion of our families, and the conversion of our parish. May we embrace the Passion and Cross for God's greater glory and the salvation of souls. Please don't waste the gift of divine love offered to us individually and as a parish through this millennia-old devotion.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Eucharist & Intentions

Saturday, March 14

5:00 p.m. - Randy Dusek +

Sunday, March 15

7:30 a.m. Oakwood - Parishioners

9:30 a.m. - Al Jochim +

Monday, March 16

5:15 p.m. - Charles Wilkes +

Soup & Saint Night following Mass

Tuesday, March 17

5:15 p.m. - June French +

Wednesday, March 18

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

5:15 p.m. at St. John - Allen Groven +

Thursday, March 19

1:45 p.m. LSTC - Ann Fayette +

5:15 p.m. - Frank & Elinor Nelson Misialek +

Friday, March 20

5:15 p.m. - Gabriel & Rose Dusek +

Stations of the Cross following Mass

Saturday, March 21

5:00 p.m. - Dorothy Bittner +

Sunday, March 22

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

9:30 a.m. - Parishioners

4:00 p.m. - Penance Service



Please Pray for the Sick:

Isaak Suda, Mary Lou Guzzo, Alyce Stendahl, Steve Dolan, Les Aasand, Steve Walters, Jane Zidon, 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, 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

Rejoice! On Laetare Sunday, March 22, St. Edward's in Drayton is hosting a classical piano performance by Jay Hershberger, professor of piano at Concordia, featuring Chopin and Schubert. The performance will begin at 2PM with a dessert buffet and beverages to follow. There will be gluten-free desserts available, too. A free-will offering is being asked for, to help with the cost of major repairs to our geothermal system.

Ministry	March 21	March 22	March 28	March 29
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	Carol Bina	Kevin Frederickson	Janice Houska	Tony Mayer
Altar Servers	Chris Fehr Matt Houska	Tony Balderas Tyler Mayer Camden Risky Chloe Woinarowicz	Matt Houska Chris Fehr	Josie Suda Paige Suda
Greeters	Paul & Sandi Houdek Kay Wilebski	Jack & Kathy Maus Griselda Moreno	Janice Houska Laurie Johnson Mary (Tom) Dusek	David Demester Micky Schumacher Rosa Aguilar
Money Counters		Robin Molde Diane Maes		Charla Nelson Sue Callahan

STEWARDSHIP

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

March 8, 2020 \$5,251.23

Given in 2020

\$ 64,968.38

\$ 37,599.84

Goal for 2020

\$385,000.00

\$ 88,058.00

Thank you to everyone who helped with Mardi Gras.

Our Net Income was \$4,886.89. Praise God!

The KC club will be sponsoring a spaghetti fund raiser for Robert Gemmill, infant son of Matt and Betty Gemmill, on Sunday, March 22nd from 11:30 - 2:30 at St. Nepomucene Catholic Church in Pisek. A free will offering will be taken to assist them with medical, travel and other expenses.

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Soup & Saint Night	Monday, March 16 after Mass
Bible Study - Romans	Tuesday, March 17, 7:00 pm
Faith Formation	Wednesday, March 18
Quilting at 9:00 a.m.	Thursday, March 19
Stations of the Cross	Friday, Mar. 20 following Mass

First Holy Communion/Confirmation Retreat will be on Sunday, March 29th, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Lutheran Sunset Home Visitor Restrictions In Place

Due to the threat that COVID-19 poses to skilled nursing facilities, effective March 12, 2020 Lutheran Sunset Home is limiting visitors to the facility. Lutheran Sunset Home appreciates the volunteer support that helps with Catholic services on Wednesday and Sunday, however, at this time we are asking you refrain from attending services at the nursing home. If you feel it is necessary to visit at this time, entrance is limited to the Business Office entrance and all visitors will be screened. We apologize for this inconvenience and will communicate further when the visitation ban is lifted.

St. John Memorial

Larry Durand

\$25

Unrestricted

Coping with Life Alone - a 10 week support program for divorced, widowed or separated persons will began on Sunday, March 29 with registration at 1:30 p.m. at St. Michael Pastoral Center, 418 N. 6th St., Grand Forks. For more information or to register, text Monsignor Daniel Pilon at 701-361-2051 or email daniel.pilon@fargodiocese.org

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Sunday: March 22, 2020

Proclaimer: Bob

Altar Server: Kayden & Zachary Swanson

March Cleaning: Group 3

Collection: March 8 \$ 255.00
Year to Date \$ 5,531.01

God's Gift Goal 2020 \$ 7,961.00
Amount Given \$ 2,232.00

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

