

St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent

1515 Western Ave.
Grafton, ND 58237

Eucharist & Intentions

Saturday, March 21

5:00 p.m. - Dorothy Bittner +

Sunday, March 22

- Orell Sevigny +

9:30 a.m. - Parishioners

Monday, March 23

5:15 p.m. - Brittani Senti +

Tuesday, March 24

5:15 p.m. - Lynn Ebert +

Wednesday, March 25

- Joseph Grzadzielewski +

5:15 p.m. - Robert Belanus +

Thursday, March 26

5:15 p.m. - John Curran +

Friday, March 27

5:15 p.m. - Larry Durand +

Saturday, March 28

5:00 p.m. - Alvin Jochim +

Sunday, March 29

- Parishioners

9:30 a.m. - Ed Deitz +

Please Pray for the Sick: Isaak Suda, Mary LouGuzzo, 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

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Given March 15, 2020 - \$2,545.53

God's Gift total Given as of March
15, 2020 - \$45,376.84

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given March 15, 2020 - \$372.00

God's Gift total Given as of March
15, 2020 - \$2,232.00

Dear Parishioners,

Peace of Christ be with you! These are certainly trying times but God is still with us! Keep the Faith!

We had planned on radio broadcasting our Saturday and Sunday morning Mass into the parking lot and then giving Holy Communion one vehicle at a time. Unfortunately, our bishop has informed me that we are not allowed to do any of it, no radio, no Communion. As a matter of fact, we priests are no longer allowed to even bring Holy Communion to the homebound, unless they are dying. This extends to the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion too.

So, I am encouraging all of you to read the Scriptures and pray the Rosary together as a family at the time you normally would have gone to Mass, whether it was the 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil, or 7:30 & 9:30 am on Sunday. I will still be offering Mass in the Rectory Chapel on Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday morning at 9:30 am. Also, continue to unite your heart to the Mass offered Monday through Friday at 5:15 pm in the parish Rectory Chapel. Make a Spiritual Communion by asking Jesus to come into your heart since you cannot receive Him sacramentally. Consider praying the Rosary at that time too. Even though we are temporarily forbidden to enjoy the sacraments together as a parish family, we can still be united together in prayer as one Body of Christ.

We priests have also been informed we are no longer allowed to use the Confessional. Therefore, I am designating classroom #1 as the new "Confessional", which is a larger space than the actual Confessional (it is located just off of the Gathering Space across from the women's bathroom). I will not hear confessions Face-to-Face, but only behind the screen. Please sit in the chair located behind the screen. I will be available for Confessions from 6:00 - 6:45 pm on Tuesdays through Fridays, and by appointment. The grace of Divine Mercy will still be flowing for the People of God in that sacrament.

Fridays in Lent are still times of abstinence and meditation on the Passion of Christ. Stations of the Cross are available in the Church and you can come anytime and pray. You're even welcome to walk from Station to Station. Offer it for the end of the Coronavirus and the conversion of our nation to Christ. The souls in Purgatory could use those prayers also.

Eucharistic Adoration will continue in the church, not in the small chapel. The two main rows of pews are available for seating as we are roping off the outside rows in order to lessen the amount of continuous cleaning that must now occur. I strongly recommend that all parishioners spend time with Jesus in adoration. We need to increase our prayer time, not lessen it, during this time of difficulty and fear.

I have had a few people bring up the finances of the parish, now that there are no Masses in which to gather a collection. This certainly is a concern as we still have bills and wages to pay. Please consider online giving, mailing or dropping your collection by the parish office. God will always bless our generosity.

I'm certainly open to creative ideas on how to live out and proclaim our faith during the current crisis. Please text or call me if you come up with any propositions we can implement in our parish life to keep us bonded to Christ and to each other. I'll certainly announce any I come up with as well. Hang in there! Be not afraid. May God bless you all.

In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Jeff

