



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

April 12, 2020
Easter Sunday

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Reconciliation/Confessions

Will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays at 6:00-6:45 p.m. or by appointment. Reconciliation will take place in Classroom #1 located just off the Gathering Space & across from the women's bathroom.

Thank You for your continued support of St. John the Evangelist and Sacred Heart through your offerings at this time.

The Easter candle will be lit at the East Entrance during this Easter season.



Alleluia! Jesus is Risen, He is truly Risen! Alleluia!
My brothers and sisters, Death does not have the final word; Life does. With the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, God shows that our destiny is to live forever. The curse of Original Sin is temporary for those who are faithful to the will of God. One of the tenets of our Faith is that God will resurrect our bodies to be joined to our soul in eternal life. We will be like Jesus, whose entire humanity is resurrected. Oh, what that will be like, I cannot even begin to imagine!

During these difficult times, it is important that we do not lose sight of the goal of our faith – to be with God in heaven. Our hope cannot be centered in life here on earth, because all of us are leaving this world at some point. If anything, this pandemic reminds us that we need to get our lives right with God before we die. That is a good thing. If anyone is afraid of this, then it's an indication that there is something not right in their soul. A good examination of conscience and a good confession is the remedy for this. Confession is still available to any parishioner who wants to go. Repentance and trust are the keys that open the door to mercy.

Do not be afraid to enter into the joy of the Lord. As it says in Scripture, "for this day is holy to our Lord, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength"(Nehemiah 8:10). The resurrection of Jesus is the occasion of the greatest joy for the Church, and should be for us personally too. Focus your heart on the glorious Heart of Jesus. Enter into His joy. How do you do this? Pray, think often of Him and ignore the elements that seek to rob you of your peace. The news is not a source of peace or joy. Spend more time in prayer, spiritual reading and family fun. He is still present in the Eucharist in the tabernacle for us to spend a few moments with Him. Let your heart rejoice! Take a few minutes today to just praise God. He is worthy of it.

The Resurrection is a manifestation of Divine Mercy. God the Father reveals to you and I that in raising His Son from the dead, the gift of salvation for sinners is obtainable. Jesus said to St. Faustina, "My daughter, write that the greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy; [urge] all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My mercy, because I want to save them all... The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy. My mercy is confirmed in every work of My hands. He who trusts in My mercy will not perish, for all his affairs are Mine, and his enemies will be shattered at the base of My footstool...[Let] the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. My daughter, write about My mercy towards tormented souls. Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy" (Diary of Divine Mercy, nos. 1182, 723, 1146).

Next Sunday is the Feast of Divine Mercy. I will be available for Confession in Classroom #1 from Noon to 2pm. Come and immerse yourself in the ocean of His mercy. And remember, He is Risen, He is truly Risen! Alleluia!

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday. Go to confession for the Feast of Divine Mercy next Sunday. Fr. Jeff will be available for confessions Tuesday through Friday from 6:00-6:45 p.m. and next Sunday from noon to 2:00 p.m. in Classroom #1.

The **Bell Tower** will be ringing at noon and 6:00 pm, the traditional time for praying the Angelus. The tune of the bells at this time is the Angelus Tune.

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary...
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.
Hail Mary...
V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary...
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Let us pray:
Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Through the same Christ our Lord.

Eucharist & Intentions

Saturday, April 11 - Holy Saturday

9:00 p.m. - Gerald Ebertowski +

Sunday, April 12 - Easter Sunday

9:30 a.m. - All Parishioners

Monday, April 13

5:15 p.m. - Frank Rose +

Tuesday, April 14

5:15 p.m. - Ron Demers +

Wednesday, April 15

5:15 p.m. - Joseph Grzadzielewski +

Thursday, April 16

5:15 p.m. - Marvin Callahan +

Friday, April 17

5:15 p.m. - Colleen LaBerge & Baby Ann Marie +

Saturday, April 18

5:00 p.m. - Alphonse & Olivine Houdek +

Sunday, April 19

9:30 a.m. - Parishioners

Prayer Intentions:

We invite you to submit prayer intentions that Tony and Fr. Jeff can offer to the Lord as they drive through Grafton on Sundays at 3:00 pm. They will be making this Holy Pilgrimage this Easter Sunday also.

The best ways to get Fr. Jeff your intentions is to call the parish office, text Fr. Jeff on his cell (314-750-8937), private message our Facebook page (St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church) or write it out and leave it in the designated basket located on the wood table in the Gathering Space.



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

Sacred Heart Parishioners – Please do not leave your offerings in the Church. You can drop them off at the Parish Office in Grafton, or mail them to St. Johns at:

Sacred Heart Church
344 West 15th Street
Grafton, ND 58237

Sacred Heart - April Cleaning is Committee 1

The Parish Office will be Closed on Good Friday and on Monday, April 13th.

STEWARDSHIP

**Let us honor God with our first fruits
rather than the leftovers**

St. John the Evangelist

Given April 5, 2020 - \$8,366.50

God's Gift total Given as of April 5, 2020 - \$60,217.84

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given April 5, 2020 - \$680.00

God's Gift total Given as of April 5, 2020 - \$3,992.00

Please join Fr. Jeff on Easter to celebrate the Risen Lord with a vehicle Eucharistic Procession. **We invite all parishioners to come in their cars to the church parking lot on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.** Fr. Jeff will stand in the back of Tony Dumas' truck with our Eucharistic Jesus in the monstrance (the gold sunburst container that we use to expose him) and Deacon Mike will incense Him. We will then have a procession of vehicles following Jesus throughout the town of Grafton. This will take about 20 minutes. At the end of the procession, I will bless each car with Jesus in the monstrance.

The Easter procession route:

Starting at the Church, we go South to 16th St. Then, East on 16th St. to Manvel Ave. and 14th St. We'll go West to Hill Ave. We then go North to 5th St. and then East to Eastern Ave. Then North to 5th St. We then go East to McHugh Ave. Then South to 12th St. Then West to School Rd. Then South to 15th St. Then we head East back to St. John's parking lot. We will conclude with car blessings.

Attention Parents:

Students workbooks are available in the Parish Center for you to pick up. Please work with your children on the lessons, and also the prayers they should be memorizing.

Deacon Mike has emailed information on continuing your students Faith Formation at home. He has also included information on how to go to the "Formed" Site. There is quality educational material and entertainment for all ages available there. If you did not receive this information, please contact Deacon Mike at the parish office (352-1648) and we will see that it is emailed or mailed out to you.

FAMILY SPIRITUAL SURVIVAL PACKS

are now available for pick up in the gathering space, along with Holy Water and booklets. We ask that you take one per family.

Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid!" I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Matthew 28:5-6

