



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

April 19, 2020
Second Sunday of Easter

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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.

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.



This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday as declared by Pope St. John Paul II and requested by Our Lord to St. Faustina. Jesus said to her, *"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy"* (Diary of Divine Mercy #699).

The river of grace and mercy that flows from the Heart of Jesus is present for us! Avail yourself this Sunday of the Sacrament of Confession and Holy Communion. I will be in Classroom #1 from Noon to 2pm to hear Confessions. I will be milling around the Church from 2-3pm and 7-8pm for anyone who just happens to ask me for Holy Communion. Tony Dumas and I will be going out on our Holy Pilgrimage with the Blessed Sacrament around Grafton and Oakwood from 3-6:30pm.

Divine Mercy Sunday is truly a grace filled time for the whole Body of Christ. Take every opportunity to immerse yourself in His Divine Mercy. Pray the Divine Mercy chaplet on this day and offer to the Lord all the sick and dying, as well as pray for an end to the Coronavirus. Plead for His mercy.

We turn to Our Lady of Mercy during this time of pandemic and ask her to obtain for us perfect sorrow for our sins and the grace to convert to her Son. As a matter of fact, we are going to begin again our Rosaries for Grafton beginning May 1. May is the month especially dedicated to Mary. Instead of 9,000, we are going to pray 10,000 Rosaries for Grafton because we need lots of prayer these days. Let us respond to the Lord's invitation to mercy.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th. Go to confession on Sunday from noon to 2:00 p.m. in Classroom #1. Fr. Jeff will also be available for confessions Tuesday through Friday from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

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.

The best ways to get Fr. Jeff your intentions is to call the parish office (352-1648), 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.

Eucharist & Intentions

Saturday, April 18

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

Sunday, April 19 (Live-streamed on Facebook)

9:30 a.m. - All Parishioners

Monday, April 20

10:00 a.m. - Carmelite Sisters

Tuesday, April 21

5:15 p.m. - Les & Donna Burns +

Wednesday, April 22

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

Thursday, April 23

5:15 p.m. - Mike Callahan +

Friday, April 24

5:15 p.m. - Jean Leighton +

Saturday, April 25

5:00 p.m. - All Parishioners

Sunday, April 26 (Live-streamed on Facebook)

9:30 a.m. - Orell Sevigny +

Our Sympathy to the family of Cyril Novak

Since we are unable to have the funerals right now, please offer a Hail Mary for the repose of their Souls and the comfort of the families.



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

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.

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

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given April 12, 2020 - \$6,691.50

God's Gift total Given as of April 5, 2020 - \$62,016.60

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Given April 12, 2020 - \$780.00

God's Gift total Given as of April 5, 2020 - \$4,042.00

On the evening on that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "*Peace be with you.*"

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

(Jesus) said to them again, "*Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*"

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "*Receive the holy Spirit.*

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

So other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "*Peace be with you.*"

Then he said to Thomas, "*Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.*"

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "*Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.*"

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.

But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

John 20:19-31

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.

