



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

April 26, 2020
Third 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 Walsh County Food Pantry is Open:
Monday - Thursday, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

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.



Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Every human being has an unseen attendant by their side at all times. This invisible friend is our guardian angel. At the moment of our conception, God determined which of the angels in heaven would be our protector and sent them to be with us always. This heavenly companion has prayed and interceded with the Lord for us since the beginning of our existence and will continue to do so until our death.

Our angels inspire us to virtue and goodness. They suggest to our minds the pleasant things of God and will sometimes correct us too. I can only imagine the joyous inspirations my angel gave me while I was still being formed in the darkness of my mother's womb and in the early years of my life. I know that my angel was active in 1996 when I lay dying alone at night in my bedroom in the Philippines. After the Lord showed me my judgment in the light of His justice, I was moved to despair since it was not a favorable one. As terror gripped my mind, heart and soul, I heard a gentle but prominent refrain being sung melodiously in my mind. It was Psalm 42: "Why are you cast down, my soul? Why groan within me? Hope in God, I will praise Him still, my Savior and my God!" My crooner was none other than my guardian angel. He lifted my heart to hope in the Lord. I will always be grateful to him for that.

Our guardian angels are light bearers. What this means is they bring us the radiance of divine grace from the Lord who wants to help us in concrete situations. They seek to protect and defend us not only in the spiritual battle against the devil, but also from natural problems too. How many times have our angels kept us from getting injured or killed because of our own carelessness or the actions of others? Only God knows, but I'm sure we will be surprised when He reveals to us how busy they have been on our behalf.

Guardian angels are real spiritual persons who have free will. They have freely and deliberately chosen to love and serve God forever. Because God respects our free will, so does our guardian angel. Our angel will not force themselves into our life. We need to ask for their help every day. They love us and because they do, they will not trample upon our free will. It is necessary that we pray to them and request their help. Pray daily to your angel. Speak to him/her as you would a best friend. Just because we can't see them doesn't mean they are not present.

Next week I'll speak more about our guardian angel. In the meantime, begin praying to your angel if you haven't already. Use the prayer given at the beginning of this reflection as a start. Share your heart with them. Your angel loves you very much.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

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 25

5:00 p.m. - All Parishioners

Sunday, April 26 (Live-streamed on Facebook)

9:30 a.m. - Orell Sevigny +

Monday, April 27

10:00 a.m. - Al Jochim +

Tuesday, April 28

5:15 p.m. - Lynn Ebert +

Wednesday, April 29

5:15 p.m. - Al Leighton +

Thursday, April 30

5:15 p.m. - John Curran +

Friday, May 1

5:15 p.m. - Adelaide Dvorak +

Saturday, May 2

5:00 p.m. - Isabel Collette +

Sunday, May 3 (Live-streamed on Facebook)

9:30 a.m. - All Parishioners

MEMORIAL for St. John's

Cyril Novak \$50 Cemetery Fund

Please Pray for the Sick: Isaak Suda, Mary Lou Guzzo, Alyce Stendahl, Steve Dolan, Les Aasand, Steve Walters, Jane Zidon, Ed Boura, Vivian Collette Secrist, Gene Hagen, Clifford Baily, Graham Baker, Chris Loveless, Linda Loveless, JoAnne Sevigny, Ken Jarolimek, Frances Schuster, Aldo Rodriguez, Barb Foerster-Estad, Daryle MacDonald, Marvin French, Kevin



Baily, 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.

The Second Time Around Store is closed at this time, but we still have expenses to be paid. If you would like to help support the Grafton Christian Ministerial Assoc., you can send checks to St. John's, 344 West 15th St.

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 19, 2020 - \$2,702.55

God's Gift total Given as of April 5, 2020 - \$64,330.60

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given April 19, 2020 - \$700.00

God's Gift total Given as of April 5, 2020 - \$5,587.00

You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazorean was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know.

This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him.

But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it.

For David says of him:

I saw the Lord ever before me,
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted;

my flesh, too, will dwell in hope.

because you will not abandon my soul to the nether world,

nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption.

You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence.

Acts 2:22-28

The Walsh County Food Pantry is in need of:

Mac & Cheese	Jello
Ramen Noodles	Tuna
Juice (non-refrigerated)	Canned Meat
Hamburger Helper	Bleach
Disinfectant Wipes	All-Purpose Cleaners

Money donations are always welcome, and we will gladly do the shopping for you!

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.

