



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

June 21, 2020
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Congratulations to those who were Confirmed this weekend!
May God be with you and in your heart each and every day.

Eucharist Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm, St. John, Grafton
Sunday: 7:30 am, Sacred Heart, Oakwood
9:30 am, St. John, Grafton
11:30 am, Spanish Mass, Grafton

Reconciliation/Confessions

Saturday: 4:15 - 4:45 pm
Thursday & Friday: 6:00 - 6:45 pm or by appointment. Reconciliation will take place in Classroom #1 located just off the Gathering Space & across from the women's bathroom.

Pastor: Fr. Jeff Eppler

Fr. Jeff's Cell phone - 1-314-750-8937

The Parish Office - 352-1648

Deacon and Faith Formation Director:

Rev. Mr. Michael Grzadzielewski

Office Manager: DeeDee Vogsland

Administrative Assistant: Kathy Swanson

Environmental Services: David Demester

Summer Help: Carter Parsons



On June 15, the U. S. Supreme Court gave a devastating ruling by deciding that both “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” are protected under the 1964 Civil Rights Act, thus defining legally that “sex” isn’t just male and female. This will open the door to a whole world of problems for society and the Church.

Sexuality is a gift from God and has its origin in God alone. He created man with only two genders – male and female. The two are fashioned by Him to be completely compatible with each other emotionally, psychologically, physically and spiritually, so they can give the total gift of themselves to each other in pure love. This complementarity is meant to manifest the life-giving intimacy of love found within God Himself.

Pope St. Paul VI pointed out in his encyclical *Humane Vitae*, and is also emphasized in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, that the two main ends of sexuality is *unitive* and *procreative*: the deepening of intimacy between spouses and the creation of new human life. Both of these ends, however, reveal an even more all-encompassing reality: the Covenant between God and Man.

When we speak of the term *covenant*, we are not speaking of a legal contract or promise, which is today’s modern understanding of the word. The biblical understanding of covenant is a permanent relationship of love that binds two persons or families into one. This total and permanent bonding forms a new identity and life. What was once two is now one. We see the first image of this in Genesis at Adam’s exclamation when he beheld Eve for the first time: “*At last, bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh!*” *And this is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins to his wife and the two become one flesh.*’

The idea of covenant, and hence, sexuality with its dual purpose of unity and procreativity, flows from the relationship of the Divine Persons within God Himself. God the Father is Love and when He loves, His love is perfect, unlimited and divine. Only God has these perfections and, therefore, His very act of loving generates the Second Person of the Trinity: God the Son. The mutual total gift of Self between the Father and the Son is perfect and unlimited, therefore, Their relationship generates the Third Person of God: the Holy Spirit.

Jesus, then, as the Son of the Father is also the image and Love of the Father (which is why He said in the Gospel of John that if we have seen Him, then we have seen the Father), and the Holy Spirit is the relationship between the Father and the Son. Thus the love between the First Person of God and the Second Person generates the Third Person.

When God created man in His image and likeness, He patterned us after His own Trinitarian relationship. He made man male and female; man the first person (who acts as head), woman the second person (who acts as the heart) and together through sexual union they cooperate with God in forming a third person, the child, who is the fruit of their relationship.

Considering sexuality reflects the inner mystery of love found within the Holy Trinity, it was created by God for a specific type of relationship - *covenantal union* between husband and wife, which is Marriage. I’ll speak more on this next week.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Baptism Prep Classes - On the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.

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, and 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.

Emails: Father Jeff at

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deedee@stjohnsgrafton.com

Bulletin - find it at stjohnsgrafton.com

FORMED: Youth and Adult Faith

Formation go to formed.org

Need a ride to church:

Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730

Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday 4:00 p.m.

Eucharist & Intentions

Saturday, June 20

5:00 pm - Vivian Novak +

Sunday, June 21

7:30 am Oakwood - Alan Collette +

9:30 am - Al Jochim +

11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners

Monday, June 22

No Mass

Tuesday, June 23

5:15 pm - Cyril Novak +

Wednesday, June 24

9:00 am - Joann Mattson +

Thursday, June 25

5:15 pm - Kelly Andrews +

Confession 6:00-6:45 pm

Friday, June 26

5:15 pm - John Curran +

Confession 6:00-6:45 pm

Saturday, June 27

5:00 pm - Susan Conway +

Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

Sunday, June 28

7:30 am Oakwood - Parishioners

9:30 am - Al & Jonathan Leighton +

11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Lynn Ebert +

Please Pray for the Sick: Ralph Kingsbury, Rae Desautel, Tory Jacobsen, Jeff Collette, Isaak Suda, Mary Lou Guzzo, Alyce Stendahl, Steve Dolan, Les Aasand, Steve Walters, Jane Zidon, Ed Boura, 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, Frances Boulduc, 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, Roger Mattson, Emma Basting, John Campbell, Jennifer Osowski, Roger Amiot, Kevin Hoenke, Adly Galle Jaehning, Kathy Ruzicka



Proclaimers for St. John the Evangelist:

June 20, 5:00 pm - Carol Bina

June 21, 9:30 am - John Dusek

June 27, 5:00 pm - Mury Rudnik

Altar Servers for St. John the Evangelist:

June 21, 9:30 pm - Josie & Paige Suda

June 28, 9:30 pm - Josh Blanchard

Proclaimers for Sacred Heart, Oakwood:

June 21, 7:30 am - Ed Sevigny

June 28, 7:30 am - Susan & Wayne Suda

Sacred Heart - The Cleaning Committee for June is number 3.

Masks are no longer mandatory for Mass; wear one if you wish. If you wish to receive Communion on the tongue, it is now permitted.

STEWARDSHIP

Let us honor God with our first fruits!
Praise the Lord!

St. John the Evangelist

Given June 14, 2020 - \$6,053.57

God's Gift total Given as of June 14, 2020 \$63,854.64

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given June 14, 2020 - \$789.00

God's Gift total Given as of June 14, 2020 - \$6,377.00

*Eucharistic Adoration will be in the Parish Center with the regular schedule being followed.

Eucharistic Adoration Times

Tuesday 6 pm - 10 pm

Wednesday 10 am - 10 pm

Thursday 6 pm - 10 pm

"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?" Jesus said this to his followers in Gethsemane. Matthew 26:40

St. John Memorial

Joann Mattson	\$10	Cemetery Fund
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Mass & Eucharistic Adoration will now be held in the Parish Center until the floor project is completed

Parishioners: Please give the office an update when you move or have a changed phone number. We are trying to get all the information up to date. Thank you!

Are you new to the Parish? We at St. John's extend to you a warm and heartfelt welcome. Please call the parish office at 352-1648 to register, or drop a note in the collection with your name and phone number, and we will contact you.

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Finance Council	Thurs., June 18, 7:00 pm
Pastoral Council	Thurs., June 25, 7:00 pm
Baptism Prep. Class	Thurs., July 9, 7:00

10,000

Rosaries for Grafton!

We have prayed 1,807

*Pray for the conversion
of Grafton and the end
of the coronavirus.*

Saving Souls one bead at a time!



The candles will not be available to be used while the Church floor is being repaired. However, if you wish to purchase a candle insert, this can be done at the parish office. The cost is \$3.50 each. Thank you.

