



St John the Evangelist Sacred Heart—Oakwood

August 2, 2020

Eighteenth 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.

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 - 6:45 pm or by appointment. Reconciliation will take place in Classroom #1 located just off the Gatherings 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

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Baptism Prep Classes: - On the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm 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 Marty 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, Janice Osowski, Josie Suda, Maggie Suda, Molly Zahradka Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

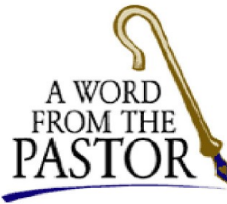
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Need a ride to Church:
Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730

Bulletin Deadline—Wednesday 4:00 pm



We continue with the role of blood sacrifice in covenant making. Blood is the sign of life and the shedding of it is a tribute of life to God. As mentioned last week, the offering of lifeblood takes place through death. This is because death entered the world as the natural result of sin. If sin never happened, there would be no need for blood sacrifice because everyone would already be in union with God. There would be no need for Christ to immolate Himself and present His blood to the Father in atonement for our sins. However, we all know that sin has entered the picture and every human being will taste death.

Blood sacrifice is necessary in God's covenant with us. The covenant transforms our fallen nature and grafts us to the divine nature as His children. He doesn't initially remove death but experiences it through His Son Jesus for our sake so to eliminate its long-term effect – the second death, which is condemnation. By being one with God Who is life and love, even our physical death will be undone and our body refashioned in eternal glory.

The shedding of blood in covenant making is oriented towards the most perfect expression of love found in Christ the Divine Bridegroom dying for His Bride the Church. He offers Himself totally and completely for the sake of His Bride. Christ's Most Precious Blood is not simply a sign of life, as had been all other blood sacrifices of the Old Testament. His Blood is the entryway into eternal life because Jesus is God, and thus, the principle of life itself. We are covenantally sealed and made one with Him by His Blood shed on the Cross and poured into our soul through water and the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Baptism. Considering the term "sacrament" means *oath*, we share a Blood Oath with Him and He with us.

The Precious Blood of Jesus is given to us physically in the Eucharist. It flows from His sacred wounds opened for us on the Cross and presented to us in Holy Communion. His Blood forms the intimate bond of love between God and man, between Bridegroom and Bride. Jesus said at the Last Supper, and at every Mass since, *"Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me."* He wants us, His Bride, to receive His Blood and in doing so, drink of the gift of eternal life. We have the privilege of receiving tangibly the Body and Blood of our Bridegroom so that "the two may become one flesh" (Gn 2:24).

Which brings us back to the covenant between husband and wife. In giving the gift of their bodies to each other, blood is shed even if only on a microscopic level. God has willed that sexual union be a renewing of their covenantal bond. When expressed within the confines of good moral actions (that is, not done lustfully) their conjugal love becomes an act of worship to God. It transcends from being a carnal pleasurable experience to a divinely grace-filled one that can bring about life both spiritually and physically. Sexual union has as its greatest fruit the worship of the Most Holy Trinity and an increase of grace for spouses. Marital love, as St. Paul describes in his letter to the Ephesians (5:21-33), reflects the greater mystery of covenantal love found between Jesus and His Bride the Church. More on the covenant next week.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Eucharist & Intentions

Saturday August 1st

5:00 pm - June French +

Sunday, August 2nd

7:30 am - Carmelite Sisters

9:30 am - Randy Dusek +

11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners

Monday, August 3rd

No Mass

Tuesday, August 4th

5:15 pm - Monica Aguilar +

Wednesday, August 5th

5:15 pm - Deanne Pilon +

Thursday, August 6th

1:45 pm - LSTC - Mike Callahan +

Confession 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Friday, August 7th

9:00 am - Larry Durand +

No Confession

Saturday, August 8th

5:00 pm - Theresa Dahlgren +

Confession 4:15 - 4:45 pm

Sunday, August 9th

7:30 am - Parishioners

9:30 am - Marjorie M & Jake C. Hodny;
and Constance S. Hodny +

11:30 am - Spanish Mass



Please Pray for the Sick:

Dave & Lori Cyr, Amanda LaTraille, Robert Novak, Helen Sieben, Rae Desautel, Ralph Kingsbury, 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

10,000

Rosaries for Grafton!

We have prayed 3,735

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

***Saving Souls one bead
at a time!***



"Jesus said to them, 'There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves'." MATTHEW 14:16

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given July 26th, 2020 \$4,341.50

God's Gift total Given as of July 24th, 2020 - \$73,792.64

Sacred Heart—Oakwood

Given July 26th, 2020 \$395.00

God's Gift total Given as of July 24th, 2020 - \$6,617.00

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

Eucharistic Adoration Times

Tuesday 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Wednesday 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

Thursday 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

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

Holy Pilgrimage with Jesus:

This Sunday, August 2nd, is the first Sunday of the month. This means that Fr. Jeff and Tony Dumas will be driving through Grafton and Oakwood with Jesus in the monstrance. Keep your eye peeled for Tony's white truck with "God bless you" written on the sides. They begin this holy pilgrimage at 3:00 pm. If you have any intentions for them to pray for during the pilgrimage, please write them down and place them in the basket on the wooden table in Gathering Space.

RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE

Saturday, August 22, 2020, 11am - 6:30pm, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Grafton, ND.

The Conference begins with Mass at 11am in honor of the Queenship of Mary and concludes with a Eucharistic procession immediately following the evening Vigil Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop Folda.

The Keynote speaker at 1pm is Leah Darrow, who will speak on "My Body, My Choice." Leah is a former model and contestant on *America's Next Top Model*, is an International Catholic speaker, writer, and host of the popular *Do Something Beautiful* podcast. Leah is the cofounder of the LUX Conference for young adult women and author of *The Other Side of Beauty*.

Other Conference topics include Abortion and the Right to Life, St. Gianna Molla and the ministry in Warsaw, ND, and the Effects of Pornography. Eucharistic Adoration will be available. Lunch will be provided and there will be activities for children during the Conference. The event is free of charge. All are welcomed. For more information, please call the parish at 701-352-1648.