



# St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

September 6, 2020  
Twenty-Third 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.



When a priest is ordained, his soul is permanently changed. He is configured to Christ the Eternal High Priest for all eternity. It is through the priest that Jesus acts directly in serving His mystical Body, the Church, with the sacramental avenues of divine grace. The greatest of these graces is the Eucharist. St.

Aphonsus Ligouri writes:

With regard to the power of priests over the real body of Jesus Christ, it is of faith that when they pronounce the words of consecration the Incarnate Word has obliged Himself to obey and to come into their hands under the Sacramental Species. We are struck with wonder when we hear that God obeyed the voice of Joshua - the Lord obeying the voice of man - and made the sun stand when He said, "Move not, O sun, towards Gabaon..." and the sun stood still. But our wonder should be far greater when we find that in obedience to the words of his priests, "This is My Body..." God Himself descends on the altar, that He comes wherever they call Him, and as often as they call Him, and places Himself in their hands, even though they should be His enemies. And after having come, He remains, entirely at their disposal; they move Him as they please, from one place to another; they may, if they wish, shut Him up in the tabernacle, or expose Him on the altar, or carry Him outside the church; they may, if they choose, eat His flesh and give Him for the food of others.

"Oh, how very great is their power," says St. Laurence Justinian, speaking of priests. "A word falls from their lips and the body of Christ is there substantially formed from the matter of bread, and the Incarnate Word descended from Heaven, is found really present on the table of the altar! Never did Divine goodness give such power to the Angels. The Angels abide by the order of God, but the priests take Him in their hands, distribute Him to the faithful, and partake of Him as food for themselves."

Jesus also exercises His authority to forgive sins through His priests in the sacrament of Confession, St. Alphonsus states:

Were the Redeemer to descend into a church, and sit in a confessional to administer the Sacrament of Penance, and a priest to sit in another confessional, Jesus would say over each penitent, "I absolve you," the priest would likewise say over each of his penitents, "I absolve you" and the penitents of each would be equally absolved. How great the honor that a king would confer on a subject whom he should empower to rescue from prison as many as he pleased! But far greater is the power that the eternal Father has given to Jesus Christ, and that Jesus Christ has given to his priests, to rescue from Hell not only the bodies but also the souls of the faithful: "The Son," says St. John Chrysostom, "has put into the hands of the priests all judgment; for having been as it were transported into Heaven, they have received this Divine prerogative. If a king gave to a mortal the power to release from prison all prisoners, all would pronounce such a one happy; but priests have received from God a far greater power, since the soul is more noble than the body."

Amen! May God be praised and may you be blessed!

**10,000 Rosaries for Grafton!**

*We have prayed 5,762*

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

*Saving Souls one bead a time!*



### Mass Schedule

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

### Reconciliation/Confessions

Saturday: 4:15 - 4:45 pm  
Thursday: 6:00 - 6:45 pm or call for an 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

**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

[fr.jeff@stjohnsgraffton.com](mailto:fr.jeff@stjohnsgraffton.com)

DeeDee at

[deedee@stjohnsgraffton.com](mailto:deedee@stjohnsgraffton.com)

Bulletin - find it at [stjohnsgraffton.com](http://stjohnsgraffton.com)

**FORMED:** Youth and Adult Faith

Formation go to [formed.org](http://formed.org)

Need a ride to church:

Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730

**Bulletin Deadline** - Wednesday 4:00 p.m.

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### **Saturday, September 5**

5:00 pm - John Curran +  
Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

### **Sunday, September 6**

7:30 am Oakwood - Eva Mae Suda +  
9:30 am - Veronica Schuster  
11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners

### **Monday, September 7**

11:00 am - Funeral for Dorothy Armstrong

### **Tuesday, September 8**

12:00 pm - Funeral Gloria Thompson  
5:15 pm - Lynn Ebert +

### **Wednesday, September 9**

10:00 am Sunset (not open to public) -  
Marjorie & Jake Hodny, & Constance Hodny +

### **Thursday, September 10**

1:45 pm - LSTC - Vivian Collette Secrist +  
Confession 6:00-6:45 pm

### **Friday, September 11**

9:00 am - Rosie Kliniske +

### **Saturday, September 12**

5:00 pm - Randy Dusek +  
Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

### **Sunday, September 13**

7:30 am Oakwood - Parishioners  
9:30 am - Al Jochim +

*Please Note: Tuesday - Saturday there is  
Daily Mass in Minto at 8:00 a.m.*



**Our Sympathy**  
to the families of  
Dorothy Armstrong  
& Gloria Thompson

### **Please Pray for the Sick:**

Gary Moe, Tracy Jamieson, Cindy Jamieson, Steve Lessard, 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, 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

### **Benefit for Tracy Uggerud**

*When: Thursday, Sept. 17, from 2:30 - 8:00 pm*

*Where: Heritage Village, Grafton*

*Menu: BBQ Dinner \$10.00, and Bake Sale*

*To Go Meals will be Available and the  
tables will be set up for social distancing*

*Tracy was diagnosed this past November with stage 4  
non-small cell lung cancer. She was informed in  
January of a mass in her colon that will have to be  
removed at Mayo. Tracy will be making multiple trips  
to Fargo for treatments/chemo and also to Mayo for  
appointments and treatments. Tracy has 3 children.*

## STEWARDSHIP

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

### **St. John the Evangelist**

Given August 30, 2020 - \$12,359.30  
God's Gift total Given as of August 30, 2020 - \$77,944.16

### **Sacred Heart - Oakwood**

Given August 30, 2020 - \$315.00  
God's Gift total Given as of August 30, 2020 - \$6,907.00

### **Holy Pilgrimage with Jesus:**

This Sunday, September 6th, Fr. Jeff and Tony Dumas will be driving through Grafton and Oakwood with Jesus in the monstrance. Keep your eyes 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 while on the pilgrimage, please contact Fr. Jeff, Tony or call the parish office.

### **St. John's is planning to have our**

### **Annual Fall Dinner on Sunday, October 11th.**

**It will be a Take-Out dinner.**

**More information to follow.**

### **Upcoming Dates at St. John's:**

Holy Pilgrimage	Sunday, Sept. 6
Office Closed	Monday, Sept. 7 - Labor Day
FINAL Faith Form. Registration	Wednesday, Sept. 9, 6:30 pm
Baptism Class	Thurs., Sept. 10, 7:00 pm
Fall into Faith Celebration	Sunday, Sept. 13, 10:30 am
Faith Formation grades 1,2,3	Wednesday, Sept. 16
All Parents Faith Formation Meeting -	Wed., Sept. 16, 6:30 pm
Finance Council Meeting	Thurs., Sept. 17, 7:00 pm
Pastoral Council Meeting	Thurs., Sept. 24, 7:00 pm

**We need cakes for our "Fall into Faith" cake walk.**  
Please call the parish office (352-1648) and let us know  
if you are willing to donate a cake. Store bought or  
homemade are both welcomed.

### **"Coping with Life Alone"**

The 10 week program will meet on Monday evenings, starting September 14, 2020 at Liberty Lutheran Bretheran Church at 1702 32nd Ave. S., Fargo, ND. Preregistration is suggested. Doors open at 6:30 pm with Sessions starting at 7:00 pm. Masks are required. This program will also be on Zoom, preregistration is needed for Zoom invite. Program cost is \$45 which includes a workbook.

This program helps us to understand the grieving process and the 5 stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. Beginning Experience weekly support programs are led by teams of peers who have experienced similar losses in their own lives. Contact: 701-277-8784 or [www.beginningexperience-easternnd.org](http://www.beginningexperience-easternnd.org)

Zion English Lutheran Church will be having a Salad Luncheon on Thursday, September 17th from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm at 1100 Hill Ave., Grafton. Due to cover and social distancing, there will be no inside seating. Curbside or walk-in Pickup only. Please call 352-2869 for curbside pickup or delivery. The suggested donation is \$8.00 per plate.

We are asking that you Please Call the Parish Office  
if you have a new phone number or address!  
We would like to keep the parishioner records up to date and need your help to do so.  
Thank You!



**The Walsh County Food Pantry is in need of:**

- Canned Peas**
- Canned Green Beans**
- Jello - any flavors**
- Cleaning Supplies**

**ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?**

If you are new to St. John's, we extend to you a warm and heartfelt welcome. Please call the office to register, or fill out the following information and drop it into the mail or the Sunday collection. We'll be in touch with you right away.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_