



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

September 20, 2020
Twenty-Fifth 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.



The last few weeks I've been focusing on the gift of the priesthood, which brings me to mention a specific priest that I believe God wants to be active in our parish life. He is our patron, St. John the Evangelist. St. John is one of the twelve Apostles. He is called the Evangelist because he wrote one of the four Gospels. In my opinion, his Gospel is the most lofty and profound out of the four, and is certainly my favorite. Each of the Gospels is represented by a symbol: Matthew is the face of a man, Luke a winged ox or bull, Mark a lion and John an eagle.

There are a number of favors St. John can obtain for us from God for our parish, both for the individual parishioner and for the whole. When we look at his Gospel, we find that immediately we are drawn into the mystery of the Incarnation, wherein the Word of God becomes flesh. Jesus Christ is the visible love of the Father for us. John was privileged to soar upon the heights and plunge into the depths of this divine love. He is referenced as the Beloved Disciple, the one whom Jesus loved.

Entry into the Heart of Jesus is one of the special graces St. John can obtain for us. This adorable Heart is physically present in the Eucharist. The Beloved Disciple reclined upon our Savior's Heart during the Last Supper. That same night, having been made a bishop by Jesus (which means he has the fullness of Christ's priesthood), St. John's life became intertwined with the mystery of the Eucharistic sacrifice. He experienced this sacrifice most profoundly since he was the only Apostle to stand with Our Lady at the foot of the Cross. So, a deeper involvement in the Incarnation and Paschal Mystery (Passion, Death and Resurrection) through Eucharistic devotion can be obtained for us through his intercession.

At the Cross, Jesus entrusts St. John to care of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her to him. Thus, devotion to Mary is a hallmark of our parish patron. He will provide for us the opportunity to draw close to Our Lady. Her intercession is invaluable in our pursuit to become like Christ.

Over time, I will discuss a variety of ways to develop devotion to St. John and glean insights into living the Christian ideal through his example and intercession. The first thing we will do as a parish is begin to pray the *Chaplet of St. John the Evangelist* before all the Masses. By doing this we will directly invoke his active participation in our parish life. The Lord has given us a very special blessing in St. John. Let's take full advantage of his friendship.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Additions to Our Daily Mass Schedule

Wednesday Mass: From now on, we will have Mass at 9am on Wednesdays here in the church until the 10am Sunset Nursing Home Mass becomes public again. Once that happens, then the 9am Mass will end and there will only be the Nursing Home Mass. Also, if there is a funeral on a particular Wednesday, then the 9am Mass that day will be cancelled since a priest is not allowed to offer any more than 2 Masses on a weekday.

Saturday Morning Mass in honor of Our Lady: Beginning the first Saturday in October, we will have Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary every Saturday morning at 10:30am in the church. If there is a funeral on a particular Saturday, the funeral will take the place of Our Lady's Mass. Also, if there is a wedding, then the morning Mass that Saturday would be cancelled.

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

Emails: contact *Father Jeff* at fr.jeff@stjohnsgraffton.com

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Bulletin - find it at stjohnsgraffton.com

FORMED: Youth and Adult Faith Formation go to formed.org

Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Need a ride to church:

Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730

Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday 4:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, September 19

5:00 pm - Michelle Collette Donarski +
Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

Sunday, September 20

7:30 am Oakwood - Alan Collette +
9:30 am - Parishioners

Monday, September 21

No Mass

Tuesday, September 22

5:15 pm - Eugene Burns +

Wednesday, September 23

9:00 am - Terry Eppler +
10:00 am Sunset - Larry Durand +
(not open to public)

Thursday, September 24

1:45 pm - LSTC open to public - Louis & Alma Collette +
Confession 6:00-6:45 pm

Friday, September 25

9:00 am - Jim & Sally Gaustad +

Saturday, September 26

5:00 pm - Charles Wilkes +
Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

Sunday, September 27

7:30 am Oakwood - Parishioners
9:30 am - Marjorie & Jake Hodny
and Constance Hodny +

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



Please Pray for the Sick:

Moe Staffne, Lennae Kosmatka,
Adam Granados, 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, Roger Amiot, Kevin Hoenke, Adly Galle
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Walsh County Food Pantry Needs

*canned corn canned green beans
canned peas canned carrots
canned tuna applesauce
grape jelly peanut butter
hand soap dish soap*

*If you wish to donate money,
we will gladly do the shopping for you.*

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.
352-1648 Thank You!

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given Sept. 13, 2020 - \$6,194.50
God's Gift total Given as of Sept. 17, 2020 - \$78,786.16

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given Sept. 13, 2020 - \$345.00
God's Gift total Given as of Sept. 17, 2020 - \$6,907.00

**St. John's is planning to have our
Annual Fall Dinner on Sunday, October 11th
from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. We will be doing a Parking Lot Drive
Thru and Delivery only. Please remain in your car, and we will
bring the food out to you. Delivery meals must be preordered
Oct. 5th - Oct. 9th by calling 352-1648. The delivery ordering is
available only for those who need it.**

**The menu will include turkey, ham, mashed potatoes,
dressing, gravy, cranberries, carrots, coleslaw, roll and pie.
\$13.00 per plate (for all ages). Covid rules will be followed.**

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, Sept. 22, 7:00 pm
High School Youth Group	Wed., Sept. 23, 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Pastoral Council Meeting	Thurs., Sept. 24, 7:00 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7:00 pm
Baptism Class	Thurs., Oct. 8, 7:00 pm
Fatima Rosary, St. John's	Saturday, Oct. 10, 12:00 pm
Fall Dinner, takes out/pickup	Sun., Oct. 11, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Fatima Movie at Strand Theater	Sunday, Oct. 11, 4:00 pm
Our Lady of Fatima Mass	Tuesday, Oct. 13, 5:15 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, Oct. 13, 7:00 pm
Finance Meeting	Thursday, Oct. 15, 7:00 pm
Parish Healing Service	Sunday, Oct. 18, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will be
meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00pm. This class is
for adult baptized Catholics who need the other sacraments or
someone who wants to become Catholic who needs baptism
or baptized non-Catholics who want to become Catholic.
Please meet at the Gathering Space.



10,000 Rosaries for Grafton!

**We have prayed 6,675
Pray for the conversion of Grafton
and the end of the coronavirus.**

Saving Souls one bead a time!

Join us to pray the *Fatima Rosary* on Saturday, October 10th
at 12:00 pm at St. John's. This has been a difficult year and
we need to pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary in this great time
of need.

Donation for the Fall Dinner:

Would you be willing to make a monetary donation
to help us cover some of the expenses of the Fall
Dinner? We will need to purchase the usual items, along
with extra items this year, since it will be take out and
delivery only. Donations of any amount are appreciated.

Pies for the Fall Dinner:

If you are willing to provide a pie for the Fall Dinner,
you can contact Kelly Dokken, Mary Dusek or call the
Parish Office at 352-1648. Thank You!

