



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

September 27, 2020
Twenty-Sixth 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.



God is Pro-Life. As a matter of fact, He is the very principle and origin of life itself. As our parish patron, St. John, wrote in his Gospel: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men" (Jn 1:1-4).

Jesus Christ is the Word of God made flesh. He valued human life so greatly that He willed to unite Himself to it. He, Who is the life and light of the world, was not ashamed to grow within the darkness of the womb of Mary. He delighted in every cell that formed and in the first beat of His Most Sacred Heart. He longed for the moment His ears developed so He could hear the rhythm of His Mother's Immaculate Heart and the sweet sound of her voice. God rejoiced in being an unborn baby.

As Catholics, we too should celebrate the beauty of the unborn child. The little babe in the womb is made in the image and likeness of God and deserves the respect that comes with that divine dignity. We must be Pro-Life in order to glorify God and do His will. Do not be afraid to stand up for the unborn and work to end their murder through abortion. Be a courageous Catholic.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

40 Days North Dakota: Sept. 23 to Nov. 1, 2020

Mark your calendars for the International 40 Days for Life campaign! You are called to be part of this important prayer effort to bring an end to abortion across our nation and world.

40 Days for Life ND began on Sept. 23 in front of the abortion facility, 512 1st Ave. No., Fargo. This campaign will provide a peaceful, prayerful presence on the sidewalk 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

We each have the option of praying on the sidewalk at the abortion facility or praying in your own homes or churches. Wherever you choose to pray, we ask that you sign up for your time slot. Your prayers are needed now more than ever!

Sign up today on the 40 Days for Life website or contact the Pregnancy Help Center in Park River at (701) 284-6601, or in Fargo (701) 356-7979 or phc@polarcomm.com.

Holy Pilgrimage with Jesus:

Next Sunday, October 4th, 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.

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 Vogslund

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 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 & Constance Hodny +

Monday, September 28

No Mass

Tuesday, September 29

5:15 pm - Trueman Thompson +

Wednesday, September 30

9:00 am - Terry Eppler +
10:00 am Sunset - Michelle Collette Donarski +
(not open to public)

Thursday, October 1

1:45 pm - LSTC open to public - Agnes Lessard +
Confession 6:00-6:45 pm

Friday, October 2

9:00 am - James & Emma Janousek +

Saturday, October 3

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters
5:00 pm - Raymond Sevigny +
Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

Sunday, October 4

7:30 am Oakwood - Helena Suda +
9:30 am - Parishioners



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 Jaehning

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 October 5th - October 9th by calling the parish office at 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.

The cost is \$13.00 per plate (for all ages).

Covid rules will be followed.

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given Sept. 20, 2020 - \$79,538.84
God's Gift total Given as of Sept. 23, 2020 - \$7,122.00

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given Sept. 20, 2020 - \$6,947.00
God's Gift total Given as of Sept. 23, 2020 - \$1,045.00

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!

Donations 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.

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, Sept. 29, 7:00 pm
High School Youth Group	Wed., Sept. 30, 7:30 - 8:30 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
St. John's Fall Dinner	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 29th 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 in Classroom #2.



10,000 Rosaries for Grafton!

We have prayed 6,949
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.

Walsh County Pro-Life ~ LIFE CHAIN: On Sunday, Oct. 4, thousands of Christians will stand on over 2,000 miles of sidewalks and roads in over 1,000 places throughout the U.S., praying for an end to abortion. In Walsh County there will be Life Chains in both Park River and in Grafton. Signs with prayers and silent hymns on the back will be offered beginning at 2 pm; at 3 pm there will be refreshments. Come and share this time of prayer, even if only for 15 minutes.

In Park River, all are invited to come to St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Life Chain on Hwy. 17 opposite the church. In Grafton, participants in the Life Chain will gather at the Evangelical Free Church, then standing along Hwy 17 near the church. Publicly Support the Right to Life for All Humans!

