



St John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

November 8, 2020

1515 Western Ave.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Grafton, ND 58237

We are asking that you pray 3 Hail Marys after each Mass for people to come back to their Catholic Faith.



November is dedicated to prayer for the holy souls in Purgatory. Purgatory is a place of purification from the consequences of sin for an imperfect soul that doesn't deserve hell but can't enter heaven yet. Every person in purgatory is saved and is guaranteed to go to heaven. But, why would a person need to go there in the first place?

Sin damages our relationship with God and disfigures the image of the Most Holy Trinity within us. Mortal sin actually severs our connection with God and kills the supernatural life of grace in our soul. Sacramental Confession is necessary to restore this grace. Venial sin wounds our relationship with the Lord, but does not break it like mortal sin does. However, venial sin still mars the soul and is an injury that must be healed. All sin is a denial of imitating Christ.

Purgatory is the remedy for the temporal punishment due to sin. *Temporal* is a reference to *time*. Every sin we commit during our time here on earth has an effect within us. Sin is always a wound against divine love. When we repent of our sins, particularly in the sacrament of Confession, the guilt is removed but the damage remains to some degree. This is why the priest gives a penance as a means of repairing love in the soul. The penance is usually insufficient, which is why the Church encourages us to pray, fast, do penance and offer sacrifices to God in atonement for our sins.

Purgatory is a very painful process. A soul must be stripped of all attachment to wickedness and ego and be fixed from the impact of all the sins they committed that they had repented of and were forgiven for but had not yet made reparation. This seems like a daunting procedure and for some souls it is an extremely long time of purification. Yet, when we look at it in the light of love, it is not so discouraging.

We are not made for ourselves. We belong to God in a mutual relationship of love. We are not like a piece of property to Him but are a gift from and to Him. God is Love, and being made in His holy image and likeness, we reflect Him as if in a mirror. He wants us to share in His divine nature and experience the indescribable and absolute joy, peace and love found only in Him. In His divine love alone do we come to possess the full dignity and splendor of our noble and exalted humanity.

Purgatory is a place of love. Even though it is painful, the souls there do not despair but only increase in love. As a matter of fact, they are aflame with love. Their joy in the midst of suffering is centered in God and in the intense longing of one day seeing Him face to face. However, as part of God's justice, they are deprived of the ability to hasten their own purification.

Since the souls in purgatory did not help themselves by responding to all the graces God gave them while they were here on earth, they must now depend on us to aid them. This is why the Church encourages us to pray for the dead. We grow in charity when we pray and offer sacrifices for them. We can also acquire indulgences for them. Information on that is available in the handout that accompanies this week's bulletin.

Let's never forget our departed brothers and sisters who need our prayers. They always remember those who help them and when they enter into the glory of heaven, will be a powerful advocate with God on our behalf.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Need for Confession: Just a reminder that if you voted for a pro-choice candidate, you now share in the sin of abortion and have committed grave sin. You are not to receive Holy Communion until you have sincerely repented and have gone to sacramental Confession. A grave/mortal sin is punishable with damnation. So, please repent!

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 - 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

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 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, Janice Osowski, Josie Suda, Maggie Suda, Molly Zahradka Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

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FORMED: Youth and Adult Faith Formation go

Need a ride to Church:

Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730

Bulletin Deadline—Wednesday 4:00 pm

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday November 7

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters
 5:00 pm - Stanley & Doris Langowski +
 Confession 4:15 - 4:45 pm

Sunday, November 8th

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

Monday, November 9th

No Mass

Tuesday, November 10th

5:15 pm - Jim Schieffer +

Wednesday, November 11th

9:00 am - Holy Souls of Purgatory

Thursday, November 12th

1:45 pm - LSTC - Ed Dietz +
 Confession 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Friday, November 13th

9:00 am - Merlyn & Vivian Collette +

Saturday, November 14th

10:30 am - Souls in Purgatory
 5:00 pm - Raymond Sevigny +
 Confession 4:15 - 4:45 pm

Sunday, November 15th

7:30 am - Parishioners
 9:30 am - Ray & Nancy Keeley +



Please Pray for the Sick:

Rita Riopelle, Danny Kasprick,
 Marjorie Dorsey, Bertha Campbell,
 Beverly Graber, Darrah Isaacson,

Lorna Collette, 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, 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, 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

*Eucharistic Adoration will be in the Church
 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*

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

St. John the Evangelist
 Given November 1, 2020 \$5,441.50
 God's Gift total Given as of November 5, 2020 - \$82,842.84

Sacred Heart—Oakwood
 Given November 1, 2020 \$150.00
 God's Gift total Given as of October 30, 2020 - \$7,137.00

10,000
Rosaries for Grafton!
*We have prayed **10,648***
Saving Souls one bead at a
time!
AWESOME!
 We made our GOAL!



Keep praying because we need the
 Grace to end the pandemic and
 convert Grafton

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Bible Study	Mon., Nov. 9, 7:00 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tues., Nov. 10, 7:00 pm
Faith Formation Grades 4-5	Wed., Nov 11, 6:30 pm
Parent Meeting	Wed., Nov 11, 6:30 pm
High School Youth Group	Wed., Nov. 11, 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Baptism Class	Thurs., Nov. 12, 7:00 pm

Starting Nov. 1st, the **Book of the Dead** will be in the Church and you can write deceased loved ones in the book if you have not done so in the past. This book will be put in front of Altar during each Mass for the month of November.

Due to COVID there will NOT be Memory Night. Instead, Mass will be offered on Monday, November 16, at 7:00 PM for all the deceased from this past year and their names will be mentioned.

BIBLE STUDY: We will be offering The Great Adventure: A Journey Through the Bible by Jeff Cavins. For many people, the Bible remains a mystery. Understanding its collection of people, places, events and theological truths is a task many find daunting as they attempt to make sense of God's Word. The Great Adventure: A Journey Through the Bible is the answer. This exciting learning system helps people of all faiths and levels of understanding get the "big picture" of the Bible narrative through a series of 24 talks, each focuses on a particular period in God's plan of salvation. Our startup date is scheduled for Monday, October 26th at 7:00 pm. Please call the church office at 352-1648 and sign up so study materials (the cost is \$38) can be ordered.