



St John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

November 15, 2020

1515 Western Ave.

Thirty-third 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.

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

Sunday: 9:00 - 9:20 am - in the Church Confessional

Thursday: No Confession - Thursday, November 19th
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 7:00pm 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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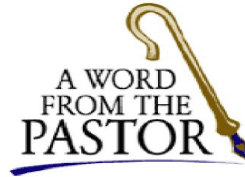
Bulletin - find it at stjohnsgrafton.com

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

Need a ride to Church:

Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730

Bulletin Deadline—Wednesday 4:00 pm



During the month of November the Church encourages us to focus on the Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. All of us will be leaving this world, some of us sooner, some of us later, but all of us eventually. The Saints pondered deeply on their mortality. As a matter of fact, St. Francis of Assisi would often use a human skull as the focal point of his meditation on death.

The simple fact is, we will all die, stand in judgment and go to heaven or hell. If we end up in Purgatory, we will eventually go to heaven. Either way, we always need to be in a state of grace and ready to meet the Lord. The following is an excerpt from a reflection by St. Ambrose prompted by the death of his brother, Satyrus:

"We see that death is gain, life is loss. Paul says: *For me life is Christ, and death a gain.* What does "Christ" mean but to die in the body, and receive the breath of life? Let us then die with Christ, to live with Christ. We should have a daily familiarity with death, a daily desire for death. By this kind of detachment our soul must learn to free itself from the desires of the body. It must soar above earthly lusts to a place where they cannot come near, to hold it fast. It must take on the likeness of death, to avoid the punishment of death. The law of our fallen nature is at war with the law of our reason and subjects the law of reason to the law of error. What is the remedy? *Who will set me free from this body of death? The grace of God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

We have a doctor to heal us; let us use the remedy he prescribes. The remedy is the grace of Christ, the dead body our own. Let us then be exiles from our body, so as not to be exiles from Christ. Though we are still in the body, let us not give ourselves to the things of the body. We must not reject the natural rights of the body, but we must desire before all else the gifts of grace.

What more need be said? It was by the death of one man that the world was redeemed. Christ did not need to die if he did not want to, but he did not look on death as something to be despised, something to be avoided, and he could have found no better means to save us than by dying. Thus his death is life for all. We are sealed with the sign of his death; when we pray we preach his death; when we offer sacrifice we proclaim his death. His death is victory; his death is a sacred sign; each year his death is celebrated with solemnity by the whole world.

What more should we say about his death since we use this divine example to prove that it was death alone that won freedom from death, and death itself was its own redeemer? Death is then no cause for mourning, for it is the cause of mankind's salvation. Death is not something to be avoided, for the Son of God did not think it beneath his dignity, nor did he seek to escape it.

Death was not part of nature; it became part of nature. God did not decree death from the beginning; he prescribed it as a remedy. Human life was condemned because of sin to unremitting labor and unbearable sorrow and so began to experience the burden of wretchedness. There had to be a limit to its evils; death had to restore what life had forfeited. Without the assistance of grace, immortality is more of a burden than a blessing."

May your ponderings on death provoke in you a deep contrition for sin, profound repentance and an absolute trust in God and His love.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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 - Oakwood - Parishioners
9:30 am - Ray & Nancy Keeley +
Confession - 9:00 - 9:20 am

Monday, November 16th

7:00 pm - Paul & Grace Brodeur
and Charlie Tweten +

Tuesday, November 17th

5:15 pm - Theresa Dahlgren +

Wednesday, November 18th

9:00 am - John Curran +

Thursday, November 19th

9:00 am - Marjorie & Jake Hodny
and Constance Hodny +

No Confession - Father is gone after 9am Mass

Friday, November 20th

9:00 am - No Mass - Father is gone

Saturday, November 21st

10:30 am - No Mass - Father is gone.
Father will be back at 4 pm.

5:00 pm - Lynn Ebert +
Confession 4:15 - 4:45 pm

Sunday, November 22nd

7:30 am - Oakwood - John F. Kennedy +
9:30 am - Parishioners
Confession - 9:00 - 9:20 am
3:00 pm - Holy Hour for return of
lapsed Catholics



Please Pray for the Sick:

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

**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.**

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given November 8, 2020 - \$3,879.36

God's Gift total Given as of November 8, 2020 - \$82,842.84

Sacred Heart—Oakwood

Given November 8, 2020 - \$500.00

God's Gift total Given as of November 8, 2020 - \$7,337.00

10,000

Rosaries for Grafton!

We have prayed 11031

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.



HOLY HOUR FOR RETRUN OF LAPSED CATHOLICS:

Next Sunday, November 22, at 3pm we will have a Holy Hour of Adoration in the church to plead with God to bring Catholics back to Him and the Church. We have a booklet of prayers we will use during the holy hour. Please come and pray!

HOLY HOUR OF PRAISE: The following Sunday, November 29, at 3pm we will have a Holy Hour of Praise with Jesus in Adoration in the church. We will have music and enjoy the opportunity to lift our hearts to Him. This is a great way to begin Advent.

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.

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Mass (in place of Memory Night)	Mon., Nov. 16, 7:00 pm
Bible Study	Mon., Nov. 16, 7:00 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tues., Nov. 17, 7:00 pm
Faith Formation Grades 6-7-8	Wed., Nov 18, 6:30 pm
High School Youth Group	Wed., Nov. 18, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

NEED HELP! Plumbing in the

Rectory: The plumbing in the rectory/parish office desperately needs to be replaced. The galvanized steel piping has deteriorated so badly that we are literally having pipes fall apart and fall through ceilings. We cannot wait any longer to fix this problem. Soon we will have a catastrophic plumbing problem. Any financial assistance towards this would be greatly appreciated since we do not currently have enough money in our reserves to cover this project. Thank you!