



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

January 3, 2021
The Epiphany of the Lord

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.

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 Church Confessional
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: contact Father Jeff at fr.jeff@stjohnsgrafton.com

DeeDee - deedee@stjohnsgrafton.com

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Kathy - kathy@stjohnsgrafton.com.

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 p.m.

We received \$2,850 for the final stained glass window in the Gathering Space. It is in honor of Shirley Suda by all her children and spouses.

A donation of \$3,000 was given to St. John's for the purchase of a St. Michael statue. Thank you for this glorious gift!

Holy Pilgrimage with Jesus:

This Sunday, January 3rd, 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.



May we join the Magi's adoration of Jesus the Incarnate Word! At every Mass, the Word of God becomes flesh upon the altar and is given to us as the Bread of Life. He is the nourishment of our souls and a pledge to our bodies that we will be raised up on the last day. This Christ Child adored by the Magi is the same Divine Person present

Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist.

The Magi offered Him gifts of gold for a king, frankincense for a God and myrrh for His burial. In adoration of the Holy Eucharist, we offer Jesus the gold of our love, the frankincense of our worship and the myrrh of our tears and sacrifices. He, in turn, gives us unimaginable graces that flow from His Sacred Heart. St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!"

I can only imagine how even just a moment spent adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament transforms the soul to become more like Him. St. Alphonsus di Ligouri said, "Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." This grace radiates the soul with divine light. All the angels of heaven gaze in ecstasy at the image left on our soul after each holy hour we make in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Magi responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to seek out the newborn King. We should have the desire in our heart to spend an hour a week in Eucharistic Adoration of the King of Love. St. John Bosco encourages us to visit Jesus when he said, "Do you want the Lord to give you many graces? Visit Him often. Do you want Him to give you few graces? Visit Him rarely. Do you want the devil to attack you? Visit Jesus rarely in the Blessed Sacrament. Do you want the devil to flee from you? Visit Jesus often!"

The fruit of Eucharistic adoration isn't only for our individual benefit, but our time with Jesus affects so many other souls. A Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is so important to Jesus that a multitude of souls go to Heaven who otherwise would have gone to hell. Jesus revealed to St. Faustina that whenever she came to adore Him in the Eucharist, the rays of His Divine Mercy burst forth from His Heart and touched every human being on the face of the earth. He continues to do this whenever we visit Him.

I strongly encourage every parishioner to spend one hour a week adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He waits for you day and night to bless you with His love. St. Josemaria Escriva put it wonderfully when he said, "Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for twenty centuries for this personal visit from you."

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, January 2

10:30 am - Funeral
5:00 pm - Jim Schieffer +
Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

Sunday, January 3

7:30 am Oakwood - Orell Sevigny +
9:30 am - Parishioners
Confession 9:00-9:20 am

Monday, January 4

No Mass

Tuesday, January 5

5:15 pm - Vivian Collette Secrist +

Wednesday, January 6

9:00 am - Stanley & Doris Langowski +

Thursday, January 7

9:00 am - Louis & Alma Collette +
Confession 6:00-6:45 pm

Friday, January 8

9:00 am - Mike Callahan +

Saturday, January 9

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters
5:00 pm - Agnes Lessard +
Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

Sunday, January 10

7:30 am Oakwood - Parishioners
9:30 am - Jessica Diaz +
Confession 9:00-9:20 am



Our Sympathy
to the families of
Daniel Burianek,
Leatrice O'Keefe

Please Pray for the Sick:

Travis Loveless, 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, 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, Ron Nowacki, Monica Rudnik, Chad Demers, Jeanne Silewski, 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

Bible Study at St. John's will resume on Monday, January 4th.

Sacred Heart of Oakwood:
Cleaning Committee for January - Committee 2

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given December 27, 2020 - \$8,650.50
God's Gift total Given as of Dec. 30, 2020 - \$66,194.84
Goal for God's Gift = \$88,058.00

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given December 27, 2020 - \$585.00
God's Gift total Given as of Dec. 30, 2020 - \$6,927.00
Goal for God's Gift = \$7,961.00

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Bible Study	Monday, Jan. 4, 7:00 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, Jan. 5, 7:00 pm
Faith Formation, Grades 1-3	Wednesday, Jan. 6, 6:30 pm
High School Youth Group	Wednesday, Jan. 6, 7:30 pm
Bible Study	Monday, Jan. 11, 7:00 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, Jan. 12, 7:00 pm
Faith Formation, Grades 4-5	Wednesday, Jan. 13, 6:30 pm
High School Youth Group	Wednesday, Jan. 13, 7:30 pm
Baptism Prep. Class	Thursday, Jan. 14, 7:00 pm
Finance Council Meeting	Thursday, Jan. 21, 7:00 pm
Pastoral Council Meeting	Thursday, Jan. 28, 7:00 pm

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Rosaries for Grafton
We have prayed 13,011
Saving Souls one bead at a time!
We made our Goal ~
Keep praying because we need the
Grace to end the pandemic and convert Grafton.



St. John Memorials

Frances Gerszewski \$25 Unrestricted

Here are some parish projects that are in need of funding:

Please prayerfully consider financially supporting any of these repairs or upgrades so we can continue to improve our facilities here at St. John. Any donated amount you are able to give is greatly appreciated:

Replace Rectory & Parish Office plumbing: This project will be done in two phases. We are not able to get a price quote until Phase 1 is completed. We have currently raised \$10,515.00. Thank you!

Assisted Listening Option (for hearing impaired): will have a price quote in January

New Lighting for the Gathering Space: \$6,604

New carpet and furniture for the Gathering Space:
Approximately \$12,000 - 15,000

\$300 was donated towards the Gathering Space carpet/furniture in honor of Judy Jiskra by the Kevin and Jean Jiskra family.

New lights throughout the church by the Stations of the Cross (we have already changed some of these): \$4000 (approximately \$150 per light)

