



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

January 10, 2021
The Baptism 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
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DeeDee - deedee@stjohnsgrafton.com

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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 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!



Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Jesus submitted Himself to John's baptism, which was a baptism of repentance. Jesus has no sin and didn't need to repent. So, why did He do this? To identify with sinners. He said, "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance" (Lk 5:32). We all have a deep need of repentance; failure to recognize this stark truth is to live an illusion.

By identifying with sinners, Jesus begins to place upon Himself the weight of our sins, which will lead Him to a horrific death on the cross. His death is our death to sin. His resurrection is our birth to the new life of divine grace. To live fully this new life in Christ we need to repent daily, go to Confession often, and amend our lives. Quite frankly, we need to submit our wills to the will of God in everything. Jesus is the model of this submission; He did the Father's will perfectly.

What is the Father's will? That we be saved. Saved from what? From the fires of hell. Hell is not a popular notion for most people nowadays. That's because most have no concept of sin. However, hell is real indeed and, unfortunately, many go there. Our Lady showed the children of Fatima a glimpse of hell. It frightened them so badly they began to do penance for sinners. Jesus showed St. Faustina the reality of hell. The following is an excerpt (n.741) from her diary about her experience:

Today, I was led by an angel to the chasm of hell. It is a place of great torture; how awesomely large and extensive it is! The kinds of tortures that I saw; the first torture that constitutes hell is the loss of God; the second is perpetual remorse of conscience; the third is that one's condition will never change; the fourth is the fire that will penetrate the soul without destroying it - a terrible suffering, since it is a purely spiritual fire, lit by God's anger; the fifth torture is continual darkness, and a terrible, suffocating smell, and despite the darkness, the devil and the souls of the damned see each other and all the evil, both of others and of their own; the sixth torture is the constant company of Satan; the seventh torture is horrible despair, hatred of God, vile words, curses and blasphemies. These are the tortures suffered by all the damned together, but that is not the end of their sufferings. There are special tortures destined for particular souls. These are the torments of the senses. Each soul undergoes terrible and indescribable sufferings, related to the manner in which it has sinned. There are caverns and pits of torture where one form of agony differs from another. I would have died at the very sight of these tortures if the omnipotence of God had not supported me. Let the sinner know that he will be tortured throughout all eternity, in those senses which he made use of to sin. I am writing this at the command of God, so that no soul may find an excuse by saying there is no hell, or that nobody has ever been there, and so no one can say what it is like.

My brothers and sisters, go to Confession often and immerse yourself in the mercy of God, Who loves you with an infinite love. Seek to be holy and grow in love. Do not be discouraged by your sins or weakness. In His Baptism, Jesus has untied Himself to your weakness. Rely always on His strength.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, January 9

10:30 am - No Mass
 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

Monday, January 11

No Mass

Tuesday, January 12

5:15 pm - Orell Sevigny +

Wednesday, January 13

9:00 am - Gary Christinson +

Thursday, January 14

9:00 am - Holy Souls is Purgatory
 Confession 6:00-6:45 pm

Friday, January 15

9:00 am - John Curran +

Saturday, January 16

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +
 5:00 pm - Delores Desautel +
 Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

Sunday, January 17

7:30 am Oakwood - Joann Mattson +
 9:30 am - Parishioners
 Confession 9:00-9:20 am



Our Sympathy
 to the family
 of Daniel Olivarez, Jr.

Please Pray for the Sick:

Linda Thompson, 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

10,000

Rosaries for Grafton

We have prayed 13,445

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



STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given January 3, 2021 - \$15,825.25
 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 January 3, 2021 - \$2,030.00
 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. 11, 7:00 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, Jan. 12, 7:00 pm
Parent Meeting	Wednesday, Jan. 13, 6:30 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
Holy Hour for Lapsed Catholics	Sunday, Jan. 24, 3:00 pm
Pastoral Council Meeting	Thursday, Jan. 28, 7:00 pm
Parish Healing Service	Sunday, Jan. 31, 3:00 pm

St. John Memorials

Daniel Kasprick	\$20	Cemetery Fund
Leatrice O'Keefe	\$20	Gathering Sp. Carpet
Daniel Burianek	\$20	Plumbing Fund
Daniel Burianek	\$25	Unrestricted

Sacred Heart Memorials

Hiladore Osowski	\$25	Cemetery Fund
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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 \$10,535.00. 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)

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

