



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

January 17, 2021
Second 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.

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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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.

PARISH HEALING SERVICE: On Sunday, January 31 at 3pm in the church, we will have a healing service. Confession, anointing of the sick, Eucharistic adoration and laying on of hands will be offered for the healing of our bodies, emotions, minds and souls. Come and experience the healing touch of Jesus. Do not be afraid to bring others to the service, especially those who are ill or struggling.



We were made for love because God is love. Sometimes it's hard to remember that when we look at how insane and cold hearted our world is becoming, but the truth remains that by being created in God's image and likeness, we were made for love. Love of God and neighbor should be the natural experience of the human person. St. Basil explains:

"Love of God is not something that can be taught. We did not learn from someone else how to rejoice in light or want to live, or to love our parents or guardians. It is the same—perhaps even more so—with our love for God: it does not come by another's teaching. As soon as the living creature (that is, man) comes to be, a power of reason is implanted in us like a seed, containing within it the ability and the need to love. When the school of God's law admits this power of reason, it cultivates it diligently, skillfully nurtures it, and with God's help brings it to perfection.

For this reason, as by God's gift, I find you with the zeal necessary to attain this end, and you on your part help me with your prayers. I will try to fan into flame the spark of divine love that is hidden within you, as far as I am able through the power of the Holy Spirit.

First, let me say that we have already received from God the ability to fulfill all his commands. We have then no reason to resent them, as if something beyond our capacity were being asked of us. We have no reason either to be angry, as if we had to pay back more than we had received. When we use this ability in a right and fitting way, we lead a life of virtue and holiness. But if we misuse it, we fall into sin.

This is the definition of sin: the misuse of powers given us by God for doing good, a use contrary to God's commands. On the other hand, the virtue that God asks of us is the use of the same powers based on a good conscience in accordance with God's command.

Since this is so, we can say the same about love. Since we received a command to love God, we possess from the first moment of our existence an innate power and ability to love. The proof of this is not to be sought outside ourselves, but each one can learn this from himself and in himself. It is natural for us to want things that are good and pleasing to the eye, even though at first different things seem beautiful and good to different people. In the same way, we love what is related to us or near to us, though we have not been taught to do so, and we spontaneously feel well disposed to our benefactors.

What, I ask, is more wonderful than the beauty of God? What thought is more pleasing and wonderful than God's majesty? What desire is as urgent and overpowering as the desire implanted by God in a soul that is completely purified of sin and cries out in its love: I am wounded by love? The radiance of divine beauty is altogether beyond the power of words to describe."

Let your heart be drawn to the beauty of divine love. Immerse yourself in prayer and discover the innumerable riches found in the Heart of Jesus. Know without a shadow of doubt that you are loved by God.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

Monday, January 18

No Mass

Tuesday, January 19

5:15 pm - Catarino Surita, Jr. +

Wednesday, January 20

9:00 am - Mary Hoffman +

Thursday, January 21

9:00 am - Vivian Collette-Secrist +
Confession 6:00-6:45 pm

Friday, January 22

9:00 am - Kathy Ruzicka +

Saturday, January 23

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters and
Fr. Chuck Leute +
5:00 pm - Olivine Houdek +
Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

Sunday, January 24

7:30 am Oakwood - Parishioners
9:30 am - Larry Schumacher +
Confession 9:00-9:20 am



Please Pray for the Sick:

Jennifer Lynch, 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
Jarolimiek, 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

*Please inform the Parish Office if a name can be
removed from the Prayer List. Thank you.*

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Rosaries for Grafton

We have prayed 13,655

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.*



*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

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given January 10, 2021 - \$6,238.50
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 January 10, 2021- \$235.00
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. 18, 7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Mtg.	Monday, Jan. 18, 7:00 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, Jan. 19, 7:00 pm
Parent Meeting	Wednesday, Jan. 20, 6:30 pm
Faith Formation, Grades 6-8	Wednesday, Jan. 20, 6:30 pm
High School Youth Group	Wednesday, Jan. 20, 7:30 pm
Finance Council Meeting	Thursday, Jan. 21, 7:00 pm
Altar Serving Training	Sunday, Jan. 24, after Mass
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

Altar Server Training: For those boys, young men, middle aged men and able-bodied older gentlemen who would like to serve Jesus at the altar of sacrifice during Mass, and for any current altar servers, there will be an altar server training next Sunday, January 24, immediately following the 9:30 am Mass in the church. Those girls who are currently altar servers are still welcomed and encouraged to serve, however new recruits will be male only right now in the hopes of inspiring men to step up and take a more active role in their faith and service in the Church.

St. John Memorials

Rita Riopelle	\$50	Unrestricted
Frances Gerszewski	\$40	Plumbing Fund
Daniel Burianek	\$130	Cemetery Fund
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Douglas Davis	\$50	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 \$10,875.00.

* Steve & Mary Rudnik have donated \$300 in memory of George & Georgette LaHaise to this fund. Praise God!

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

* Frances Schuster has donated \$300 for the Gathering Space upgrades. Bless You!

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

