



# St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

January 24, 2021  
Third 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 Voglsland

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](mailto:fr.jeff@stjohnsgrafton.com)

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Bulletin - find it at [stjohnsgrafton.com](http://stjohnsgrafton.com)

**FORMED:** Youth and Adult Faith Formation go to [formed.org](http://formed.org)

**Bulletin Deadline** - Wednesday 4:00 p.m.

**PARISH HEALING SERVICE:** Next 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.



In an increasingly uncertain world, there are particular certainties that remain: The Holy Trinity loves us and so does the Blessed Virgin Mary. As Catholics, we should have great confidence in God in all matters of our life. His will for us is good and He desires us to be with Him in this life and in the next.

Life here is hard, though, and He knows that very well. Therefore, He has given us a most precious gift: His Mother.

It is His divine will that we entrust ourselves to the care of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the woman to whom God Himself was entrusted when the Word of God became flesh in her womb. He willed that His sacred humanity be formed from, by and within her, and that after He was born, Jesus would be taught and raised by her. She loves more profoundly than any other woman or any other mother.

At the Cross, Jesus placed us into her arms to be her children and she became our mother. She dotes upon her children and always seeks to draw us to the goodness of her Son and seeks what is best for us. She is extremely attentive to our every need and is inexplicably active in each of our lives.

Sometimes, however, it is hard to see her busied about with the work of our salvation, obtaining for us graces and helps necessary for the blessing of God to reside within us. In hidden ways Our Lady orchestrates things and events in our lives that are meant to bring about great spiritual fruit within us, fruit that will last. She always acts in accordance with the Divine Will and disperses His grace with her mother's touch.

Our Lady is keenly aware of God's plan for each of our lives. She cooperates perfectly with the Most Holy Trinity in bringing about the fulfillment of that plan. She is the great encourager to all those to whom God has entrusted with the message and mission of salvation. The Lord Jesus has placed into her care the salvation of all her children and the task of bringing about His victory over the kingdom of Satan. Our heavenly Mother desires that we unite our wills to her own so that the Holy Will of God be lived out in every human being as it is lived out in her.

This may seem like a daunting reality to us who have weakened wills and dimmed intellects because of sin. However, Blessed Mary has the same compassion upon us as does her divine Son and is not disheartened by our littleness and ineptitude. When she appeared to St. Juan Diego as Our Lady of Guadalupe, she said to him, **"Hear me, my son. It is true that I do not lack servants or ambassadors to whom I could entrust my message so that my will could be fulfilled. But it is important that you speak for me in this matter, tired as you are... Hear and let it penetrate your heart, my dear little son: let nothing discourage you, nothing depress you. Let nothing alter your heart or your countenance. Also do not fear any illness or trouble, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the fold of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Do not be troubled... Is there anything else you need?"** —December 12th, 1531.

Let us not hesitate to run to our heavenly Momma. Speak to her often throughout the day. Pray the Rosary daily and place everything into her hands. She will carry us through all the miseries and difficulties of this life and place us firmly in the Heart of her Son through her own Immaculate Heart.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### 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

### Monday, January 25

No Mass

### Tuesday, January 26

5:15 pm - Orell Sevigny +

### Wednesday, January 27

9:00 am - John & Mary Pich & Family +

### Thursday, January 28

1:45 pm LSTC, Open to Public, masks & social  
distancing required for this Mass - Jim Gaustad +  
Confession 6:00-6:45 pm

### Friday, January 29

9:00 am - Tony & June French +

### Saturday, January 30

10:30 am - Terry Eppler +  
5:00 pm - Alice Grzadzielewski +  
Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

### Sunday, January 31

7:30 am Oakwood - Irene Silewski Lindgren +  
9:30 am - Parishioners  
Confession 9:00-9:20 am



### Please Pray for the Sick:

Greg from Texas, 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 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

*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 13,912

### 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 17, 2021 - \$4,102.50

God's Gift total Given as of Dec. 31, 2020 - \$66,530.84

Goal for God's Gift 2020 = \$88,058.00

### **Sacred Heart - Oakwood**

Given January 17, 2021- \$375.00

God's Gift total Given as of Dec. 31, 2020 - \$6,927.00

Goal for God's Gift 2020 = \$7,961.00

### Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Altar Serving Training	Sunday, Jan. 24, after Mass
Holy Hour for Lapsed Catholics	Sunday, Jan. 24, 3:00 pm
Bible Study	Monday, Jan. 25, 7:00 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7:00 pm
Faith Formation, Grades 2-3	Wednesday, Jan. 27, 6:30 pm
High School Youth Group	Wednesday, Jan. 27, 7:30 pm
Pastoral Council Meeting	Thursday, Jan. 28, 7:00 pm
Parish Healing Service	Sunday, Jan. 31, 3:00 pm
Bible Study	Monday, Feb. 1, 7:00 pm
Youth Committee Mtg.	Tuesday, Feb. 2, 6:30 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, Feb. 2, 7:00 pm
Faith Formation, Grades 1-3	Wednesday, Feb. 3, 6:30 pm
High School Youth Group	Wednesday, Feb. 3, 7:30 pm

## St. John Memorial

Sr. Rose Therese Sevigny \$ 50 Gathering Space

Please pick up your bottle for The Pregnancy Help Center in Park  
River. We value and protect the unborn baby. We respect the  
preborn as a person known to God before they were even  
conceived. We fight for their right to life.

*Ye, O Lord, you are our father;  
we are the clay and you the potter:  
we are all the work of your hands.*

*Isaiah 64:7*

The Grafton Senior Center (located at the Grafton Armory) is  
looking for volunteers to deliver meals to people in Grafton from  
11:00 am to 12:00 noon. Volunteers may receive a meal the  
days they deliver. Please contact Carol at 701-352-3648 if you  
are interested in volunteering your time. Thank you!

### **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.

**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

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

