



St John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

January 31, 2021
Fourth 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
Thursday: 6 - 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
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, Jackie Osowski, Josie Suda, Maggie Suda, Molly Zahradka Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

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

Need a ride to Church:
Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730

Bulletin Deadline—Wed. 4:00 pm

Praise Jesus!

PARISH HEALING SERVICE: This Sunday, January 31. 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.



“There are many saints to whom God has given the power to assist us in the necessities of life, but the power given to St. Joseph is unlimited: It extends to all our needs and all those who invoke him with confidence are sure to be heard.” - St. Thomas Aquinas.

Although St. Joseph, as St. Thomas mentions, can be called upon in any need, there are particular areas of life over which Holy Mother Church has given St. Joseph as our support and helpful patron. During this Year of St. Joseph, as declared by Pope Francis, we should turn particular attention to this great Saint and implore his assistance.

As head of the Holy Family, St. Joseph received from God the wisdom, light, prudence and all other virtues he so greatly needed to lead and protect his family. We, being members of Jesus Christ, share in the blessing of having such a father as our own. We also share in the dependence and filial respect, honor and love which Our Lord had for his foster-father on earth. Pope Pius IX proclaimed Saint Joseph the Patron of the Universal Church in 1870. Having been head of the Holy Family, it is natural to find in him a suitable leader and father to protect God's family on earth, the Mystical Body of Christ.

St. Joseph is the Patron for a happy death and of the dying. The reason why Joseph is chosen by the Church for this role is because he passed from this life with Jesus and Mary by his side. Though Jesus is the Savior of the world, He and his family tasted the pain of separation. Can you imagine any better death than to die in the arms of Jesus and Mary like St. Joseph did? Thus, St. Joseph is considered the model of the pious believer who receives grace at the moment of death, and therefore, became the patron of a happy death.

During the Year of St. Joseph, let us turn confidently to this great Saint and place ourselves under his most powerful patronage. Leave in his holy and capable hands all concerns and anxieties so that he may bring them before Jesus and Mary and obtain for us peace of mind, heart and soul.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Candlemas this Tuesday: This Tuesday is Candlemas Day, which is another name for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by the Torah. According to the Book of Leviticus (12:1-4), when a woman bore a male child, she was considered “unclean” for seven days. On the eighth day, the boy was circumcised. The mother continued to stay at home for 33 days for her blood to be purified. After the 40 days, the mother and the father came to the temple for the rite of purification, which included the offering of a sacrifice - a lamb for a holocaust (burnt offering) and a pigeon or turtledove for a sin offering, or for a poor couple who could not afford a lamb, two pigeons or two turtledoves. Note Joseph and Mary made the offering of the poor (Lk 2:24).

Simeon, a just and pious man, who awaited the Messiah and looked for the consolation of Israel, was inspired to come to the temple when the Holy Family arrived. He held baby Jesus in his arms and blessed God, saying, “Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word. For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed, displayed for all the peoples to see: A revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel” (Lk 2:29-32). Simeon, thereby, announced that the Messiah has come not just for the Jew but the gentile; not just the righteous, but the sinner. He then blessed the Holy Family, and said in turn to Mary: “This child is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed - and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword - so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare” (Lk 2:34-35).

So the Presentation is a proclamation of Christ - Messiah and Priest, Lord and Savior. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally at least since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year, hence coining the term “Candlemas.”

So, bring some candles to Mass this Tuesday to be blessed.

We have the blessing of throats this Wednesday after Mass and throughout the day in honor of St. Blase, bishop and martyr.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday January 30th

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

Sunday, January 31st

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

Monday, February 1st

No Mass

Tuesday, February 2nd

5:15 pm - Jim Schieffer +

Wednesday, February 3rd

9:00 am - Louis & Alma Collette +

Thursday, February 4th

1:45 pm - LSTC (open to public, masks &
social distancing required for this Mass).

Marjorie & Jake Hodny and
Constance Hodny +

Confession 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Friday, February 5th

9:00 am - The Nick Dusek Family

Saturday, February 6th

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters
5:00 pm - Merlyn & Vivian Collette +
Confession 4:15 - 4:45 pm

Sunday, February 7th

7:30 am - Parishioners
9:30 am - Mike Staffne +
Confession - 9:00 - 9:20 am



Please Pray for the Sick:

Joan Brien, 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!*

*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

Holy Pilgrimage with Jesus:

Next Sunday, 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.

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given January 24, 2021 \$3,836.50

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

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

Sacred Heart—Oakwood

Given January 24, 2021 \$438.00

God's Gift total Given as of December 31, 2020 - \$6,297.00

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

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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.



***Prayerfully consider being part of
the St. John's Living Rosary too.***

Upcoming Dates at St. John's

Parish Healing Service	Sun., Jan. 31, 3:00 pm
Bible Study	Mon., Feb. 1, 7:00 pm
Candlemas	Tues., Feb. 2, 5:15 pm
Youth Committee Meeting	Tues., Feb. 2, 6:30 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tues., Feb. 2, 7:00 pm
St. Blase blessing of throats	Wed., Feb. 3, 9:00 am
Faith Formation, Grades 1-3	Wed., Feb. 3, 6:30 pm
High School Group	Wed., Feb. 3, 7:30 pm
Ash Wednesday	Wed., Feb. 17

St. John's Living Rosary: All parishioners are invited to
become part of a new prayerful dimension of our parish life. All
those who participate in St. John's Living Rosary will each be
assigned one of the twenty mysteries of the Rosary. They would
pray that same mystery every day. The intentions for that
mystery are for the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
and in honor of St. John the Evangelist. Nineteen other
parishioners would be assigned the other mysteries that would
constitute a full Rosary being prayed daily by the parish. The
more people that participate, the more Rosaries are formed and
prayed daily as a parish family. You can pray your assigned
mystery at any time of day, just as long as it is prayed daily for
the intentions mentioned. Anyone can sign up at Mass or call
the parish office and Fr. Jeff will contact you with your particular
mystery. Please don't request a specific mystery, let the Holy
Spirit surprise you with the mystery He wants you to have.

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 notable to get a price quote until Phase I
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 Gathering Space: \$6,604

New carpet and furniture for the Gathering Space:

Approximately \$12,000 - 15,000. \$600 donated so far.

New lights throughout the church by the Stations of the Cross (we
have already changed some of these)" \$4,000 (approximately \$150
per light).

*Please pick up your bottle for The Pregnancy Help Center in Park
River. We value and protect the unborn baby and want to save them.
Please fill the bottles with change and/or bills and return them to the
Parish Office. Every little bit helps save a life. Thank you!*