



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

February 7, 2021
Fifth 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
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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

Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday 4:00 p.m.

Holy Pilgrimage with Jesus: Today, Sunday, February 7th, Fr. Jeff and Tony Dumas will be driving through Grafton and Oakwood with Jesus in the monstrance. If you have any intentions for them to pray for, please contact Fr. Jeff, Tony or call the parish office.



During this Year of St. Joseph, we should earnestly strive to become familiar with this incredible Saint. Although detailed accounts of his life are sparse, we learn from Scriptures and Sacred Tradition about his unshakeable faith, his perseverance, his purity and his humility.

In the writings of the Venerable Mary of Agreda detailed in the *City of God*, we read that St. Joseph was a native of Nazareth, was well-mannered and attractive in appearance. He was related to the Blessed Virgin in the third degree, made a vow of perpetual chastity (chastity is refraining from sexual activity) at age twelve, renewed and kept it in marriage much to the delight and joy of the Most Holy Virgin who vowed the same. He was thirty-three years old at that time.

Venerable Mary of Agreda mentions that when the holy priest Simeon gathered all the young men of Jerusalem from the house of David at the temple to choose who would be the rightful spouse of Our Lady, he was inspired by God to give each man a dry rod. After a period of prayer asking for the manifestation of the Divine Will, pure white lilies - the symbol of purity - blossomed from St. Joseph's staff and a white dove, most pure and brilliant, hovered over his head giving Simeon the sign that he was the chosen one.

Hence, St. Joseph is the finest example of a pure man: pure in thought, pure in heart; pure in body and soul – destined to be the most chaste spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the presence of a man imbued with such radiant purity and holiness, the ugly, filthy infernal spirits cower in horror when confronted by him. Thus, St. Joseph has been titled by the Church, "Terror of Demons."

Invoke the intercession of St. Joseph often. He desires to aid us in our battle against the forces of darkness. As he protected the Holy Family from the assaults of evil, so will he secure for us an impregnable defense against the devices and temptations of the devil.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Prayer to St. Joseph, Terror of Demons: *Saint Joseph, Terror of Demons, cast your solemn gaze upon the devil and all his minions, and protect us with your mighty staff. You fled through the night to avoid the devil's wicked designs; now with the power of God, smite the demons as they flee from you! Grant special protection, we pray, for children, fathers, families, for priests and religious and the dying. By God's grace, no demon dares approach while you are near, so we beg of you, always be near to us! Amen.*

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. 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. So far, we have **50** people praying.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, February 6

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters

5:00 pm - Merlyn & Vivian Collette +

Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

Sunday, February 7

7:30 am Oakwood - Parishioners

9:30 am - Mike Staffne +

Confession 9:00-9:20 am

Monday, February 8

No Mass

Tuesday, February 9

5:15 pm - Lynn & Gloria Thompson +

Wednesday, February 10

9:00 am - Deanne Pilon +

Thursday, February 11

1:45 pm LSTC, Open to Public, masks & social distancing required for this Mass - The Triumph of Immaculate Heart of Mary

Confession 6:00-6:45 pm

Friday, February 12

9:00 am - Isabel M. Collette +

Saturday, February 13

10:30 am - Souls in Purgatory

5:00 pm - Agnes Lessard +

Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

Sunday, February 14

7:30 am Oakwood - Cyril Seeba +

9:30 am - Parishioners

Confession 9:00-9:20 am



Our Sympathy
to the families of
Beverly Graber,
Alyce Stendahl

Please Pray for the Sick:

Joan Brien, Ron Houska, Greg from Texas, Jennifer Lynch, Linda Thompson, Travis Loveless, 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, 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 & Thursday from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Wednesday from 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton

We have prayed 14,801

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 31, 2021 - \$7,346.50

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 31, 2021- \$755.00

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:

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| Bible Study | Monday, Feb. 8, 7:00 pm |
| RCIA for Adults | Tuesday, Feb. 9, 7:00 pm |
| Faith Formation, Grades 4-5 | Wednesday, Feb. 10, 6:30 pm |
| High School Youth Group | Wednesday, Feb. 10, 7:30 pm |
| Baptism Class | Thursday, Feb. 11, 7:00 pm |
| Bible Study | Monday, Feb. 15, 7:00 pm |
| RCIA for Adults | Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7:00 pm |
| Ash Wednesday Mass | Wednesday, Feb. 17, 5:30 pm |
| Faith Formation, Grades 6,7,8 | Wednesday, Feb. 17, 6:30 pm |
| High School Youth Group | Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7:30 pm |
| Finance Council Meeting | Thursday, Feb. 18, 7:00 pm |
| Stations of the Cross | Friday, Feb. 19, 6:00 pm |
| Fish Fry, Take Out Only | Friday, Feb. 19, 5:00-7:00 pm |
| Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics | Sun., Feb. 21, 3:00 pm |

St. John Memorials

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| Daniel Burianek | \$40 | Unrestricted |
| Leatrice O'Keefe | \$15 | Cemetery Fund |
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Sacred Heart, Oakwood - Cleaning Committee #3 for February

Knights of Columbus FISH FRY will be To Go Meals Only this year. Meal includes: Fish, Potato, Vegetable, Coleslaw & Roll for \$12.00. 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm or until gone.

Fridays - February 19th & 26th and March 12th & 26th
Curbside ordering and pickup will be available, or you can enter through the Gathering Space to order. No calling to order available.

Pork & Dumpling Dinner: St. John Nepomucene in Pisek Sunday, February 28th, serving 11:00 am until gone. Pork, dumplings, gravy, sauerkraut, cranberries & kolaches. Take Out Only, free-will donation.

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 \$11,215.00.

Assisted Listening Option (for hearing impaired): will have a price quote soon.

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

New carpet and furniture for the Gathering Space: Approximately \$12,000 - \$15,000. \$720 has been 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) \$3,300 was just donated by Parishioners. Thank You!

