



# St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

February 21, 2021  
First Sunday of Lent

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  
Daily Confession (Mon.-Fri.) during Lent  
5:00-5:20 & also Thurs. 6:00-6:45 pm.  
Reconciliation will take place in class-  
room #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** - The 2nd Thursday  
of the month at 7:00 pm in the Gathering  
Space. Call 352-1648 to register.

### **St. John the Evangelist**

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

**Formed** - Youth & Adult go to [formed.org](http://formed.org)

### **Sacred Heart - Oakwood**

**Parish Lay Directors:** Ed Sevigny, Lori Cyr

**Pastoral/Finance Council:** Cindy Collette,  
Mark Gourde, Bobby Osowski, Lee Osowski,  
Susan Suda

**Bulletin Deadline** - 4:00 pm Wednesday

**Fasting & Abstinence during Lent:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are mandatory days of Fasting and Abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for those 18-59 years of age. Fasting is based upon a three-meal day wherein a person may have one full meal and the two other meals together cannot equal one full meal. No snacking between meals either. However, if a person has a medical reason that requires them to eat, they may do so in moderation. All Fridays in Lent are mandatory days of Abstinence and applies to everyone age 14 and up. Abstinence is the practice of not eating meat. Beef, pork, chicken, turkey, and any bird or creature that flies or crawls on the ground (insects excluded) and hot dogs are meat. Eggs, fish and seafood are acceptable.



Draw close to St. Joseph this Lent, especially since this year has been dedicated to him. As the most chaste spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, he is a shining example for all of us, especially men, in furthering God's plan of salvation with love, with purity, with faith, and with perseverance.

During his life, St. Joseph was a chaste and faithful spouse to Our Lady, a valuable collaborator in the loving care of the Child Jesus, a silent and provident worker, and careful to see that none of the things necessary for the Holy Family's earthly existence were lacking. He was just and firm in fulfilling daily the tasks entrusted to him by our Heavenly Father.

How much he loved and followed each day the wonderful growth of his foster son Jesus! And Jesus repaid him with an affection that was filial and profound; how He listened to him and obeyed him; how He comforted him and helped him. Jesus continues to listen to and love him now in heaven.

We should seek to make the virtues active in St. Joseph flourish in each one of us. These virtues made him perfect in the fulfillment of the Lord's providential design for him. May St. Joseph's silence, humility and self-effacement be present in each of us, which are necessary gifts that enable us to carry out the divine plan for these times in which we live.

Take this Lent as an occasion to live far from noise and commotion, from shouting and the clamor that seems to increase in ever greater degrees around us. Maintain your interior quiet in silent dialogue with Jesus, especially during Eucharistic Adoration, and with our heavenly Mother Mary through recitation of the Holy Rosary. Imitate St. Joseph's relationship with these two great loves of his life.

I encourage you to begin your day in the gentle calmness of prayer with God. Resist the temptation to fill your ears, mind and heart with noise upon awakening. Repel the urge to quickly check your phone or turn on the television to watch the news after you get up. Let the first words that your lips speak be in praise of God.

With St. Joseph's invaluable aid, this Lent presents an opportunity to learn how to avoid the subtle tactics and deceits of the devil, today disseminated so insidiously and dangerously through the media and television. Do not waste time in front of the television, stealing precious moments from prayer and absorption in God's Word. These moments once gone, are gone forever.

May we possess St. Joseph's virginal purity so we can enter into a spirit of detachment from ourselves, from creatures, from human affairs, and be interiorly free, able to love and to fulfill with faithful perseverance whatever the Lord asks of us. With St. Joseph's help, I pray this holy season of Lent will be a transformative one for us to the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

**10,000 Rosaries for Grafton**

**We have prayed 15,186**

**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.*



## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Saturday, February 20

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +  
5:00 pm - Mary Hoffman +  
Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

### Sunday, February 21

7:30 am Oakwood - Parishioners  
9:30 am - Jessica Diaz +  
Confession 9:00-9:20 am  
3:00 pm - Holy Hour for return of Lapsed Catholics

### Monday, February 22

5:30 pm - Louis & Alma Collette +

### Tuesday, February 23

5:30 pm - Jim Schieffer +

### Wednesday, February 24

5:30 pm - Frank & Elinor Nelson Misialek +  
5:00-5:20 pm - Confession in Classroom #1  
5:00 pm Rosary

### Thursday, February 25

5:30 pm - Al Jochim +  
5:00-5:20 pm - Confession in Classroom #1  
5:00 pm Rosary  
6:00-6:45 pm - Confession in Classroom #1

### Friday, February 26

5:30 pm - JoAnn Kamrowski Altendorf +  
5:00-5:20 pm - Confession in Classroom #1  
5:00 pm Rosary

### Saturday, February 27

10:30 am - Fr. Bernard Bachmeier +  
5:00 pm - Aloys & Gertye Lutovsky +  
Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

### Sunday, February 28

7:30 am Oakwood - Orell Sevigny +  
9:30 am - Parishioners  
Confession 9:00-9:20 am



### 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

### **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.  
Friday, February 26th and also  
Friday, 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.

## STEWARDSHIP

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

### St. John the Evangelist

Given February 14, 2021 - \$3,642.50

### Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given February 14, 2021- \$200.00

**St. John's Living Rosary:** 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. So far, we have **61** people praying. A fantastic start!

**Intercessors of the Lamb:** This is a prayer ministry where those who participate commit to daily prayers invoking the Precious Blood of Jesus (these prayers will be provided) for specific intentions given by the pastor, for those on our parish sick list (the names printed in the bulletin), and for emergency prayer needs. It would be structured in such a way that if someone has an emergency such as an accident happened, or someone had a heart attack, etc., the word goes out to the Intercessors and they pray for the situation. If you believe God may be calling you to be an Intercessor, please contact the parish office and let us know.

### St. John Memorial

Frances Gerszewski \$50 Cemetery Fund

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

Holy Hour for Lapsed Catholics	Sunday, Feb. 21, 3:00 pm
Bible Study	Monday, Feb. 22, 7:00 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, Feb. 23, 7:00 pm
Faith Formation, Grades 2-3	Wednesday, Feb. 24, 6:30 pm
High School Youth Group	Wednesday, Feb. 24, 7:30 pm
Pastoral Council	Thursday, Feb. 25, 7:00 pm
Fish Fry, Take Out Only	Friday, Feb. 26, 5:00-7:00 pm
Bible Study	Monday, March 1, 7:00 pm
Youth Committee Meeting	Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, March 2, 7:00 pm
Faith Formation, Grades 1,2,3	Wednesday, March 3, 6:30 pm
High School Youth Group	Wednesday, March 3, 7:30 pm
Parish Lenten Mission	Sun.-Tues., March 7-9, 7:00 pm

### Volunteers Needed: for Parish Lenten Mission, March 6, 7, 8

*Would you be willing to bring cookies? Would you like to serve?*

*We will be serving cookies, coffee & lemonade.*

*Please call the parish office if you can help. 352-1648*

### **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 was just completed because of a \$3,300 donation by Parishioners. Thank You, God Bless!

