



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

February 28, 2021
Second 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 the Church Confessional
Daily Confession (Mon.-Fri.) during Lent 5:00-5:20. 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 - 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.

Emails: contact Father Jeff at
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Bulletin - find it at stjohnsgraffton.com

Formed - Youth & Adult go to 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

PARISH MISSION: Our 3-Night Parish Lenten Mission beginning next Sunday evening will be given by Fr. Jason Lefor, the Pastor of St. John Nepomuscence Parish in Pisek, ND. He is an energetic and reflective preacher and has been featured numerous times as a host or co-host on Real Presence Radio. This will certainly be a time of great grace and all parishioners are invited to attend. The mission will take place in the church from 7-8pm on Sunday-Tuesday, March 7-9. The Sunday evening reflection will be on Creation, Monday on The Fall, and Tuesday on Redemption. Snacks will be provided in the Parish Center afterwards.



Let us entrust ourselves to St. Joseph during this Lent that through his powerful intercession, we may be defended from evil and grow in God's grace. Just as once he knew how to protect the menaced life of the Infant Jesus, so now will he protect God's work of love in our lives, particularly during those moments in which it will be attacked and furiously combatted by the devil.

We should imitate his fortification against darkness and sin in order to live in the light of God's love. He was always able to transmit that love to others. Although he was eclipsed in the order of grace by the Christ Child and Our Lady, he was no spiritual slouch. His manner of life and dedication to God's will was exemplary and worthy of remembrance and imitation for all eternity.

St. Joseph lived simply, not ostentatiously. He did not desire grand things or compare himself to others. He was exceedingly compassionate and generous to the less fortunate, even though he himself had very little in the way of earthly possessions. His heart was completely focused on the love of God and neighbor, which gave him a strong but gentle disposition. He was not one to brood over injury. St. Joseph was willing to endure hardship and sacrifice for love.

This holy man had a heart joyfully immersed in prayer. He allowed prayer to permeate everything he did, especially his work as a carpenter. Every moment of his labor was offered to God. He was spiritually disciplined and saw great value in mortifications such as fasting and almsgiving, which increased his capacity to love and strengthened him to resist sin.

Regarding fasting, and especially almsgiving, Pope St. Leo says, "Dear friends, what the Christian should be doing at all times should be done now with greater care and devotion, so that the Lenten fast enjoined by the apostles may be fulfilled, not simply by abstinence from food but above all by the renunciation of sin.

There is no more profitable practice as a companion to holy and spiritual fasting than that of almsgiving. This embraces under the single name of mercy many excellent works of devotion, so that the good intentions of all the faithful may be of equal value, even where their means are not. The love that we owe both God and man is always free from any obstacle that would prevent us from having a good intention. *The angels sang: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.* The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction is blessed, not only with the virtue of good will but also with the gift of peace.

The works of mercy are innumerable. Their very variety brings this advantage to those who are true Christians, that in the matter of almsgiving not only the rich and affluent but also those of average means and the poor are able to play their part. Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts."

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving marked the life of St. Joseph; may they be evident in our lives too.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, February 27

10:30 am - Fr. Bernard Bachmeier +
5:00 pm - Aloys & Gertyee 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
3:00 pm - Holy Hour for return of Lapsed Catholics

Monday, March 1

5:30 pm - Douglas Davis +

Tuesday, March 2

5:30 pm - Al Jochim +

Wednesday, March 3

11:00 am - Funeral for Veronica Hills
5:30 pm - Deanne Pilon +
5:00-5:20 pm - Confession in Classroom #1
5:00 pm Rosary

Thursday, March 4

5:30 pm - Marguerite Jadeke +
5:00-5:20 pm - Confession in Classroom #1
5:00 pm Rosary

Friday, March 5

5:30 pm - Theresa Dahlgren +
5:00-5:20 pm - Confession in Classroom #1
5:00 pm Rosary
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 6

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters
5:00 pm - Paul Suda +
Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

Sunday, March 7

7:30 am Oakwood - Parishioners
9:30 am - Fred & Helen Schumacher +
Confession 9:00-9:20 am



Our Sympathy
to the family of
Veronica Hills

Please Pray for the Sick: Judy Mattson, Dean Demester, Paul Bina, 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

Knights of Columbus FISH FRY

will be **To Go Meals Only** this year.

Fish, Potato, Vegetable, Coleslaw, Roll, \$12.00

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm or until gone.

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.

Pork & Dumpling Dinner - Sunday, Feb. 28, 11am until gone, St. John Nepomucene in Pisek, All are Welcome! Take Out Only, free will donation.

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given February 21, 2021 - \$5,063.50
Goal for God's Gift 2021 = \$87,704.00

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given February 21, 2021 - \$505.00
Goal for God's Gift 2021 = \$7,965.00

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.

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

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	Sunday, March 7, 7:00 pm
Parish Lenten Mission	Monday, March 8, 7:00 pm
Parish Lenten Mission	Tuesday, March 9, 7:00 pm
Faith Formation, Grades 4-5	Wednesday, March 3, 6:30 pm
High School Youth Group	Wednesday, March 3, 7:30 pm
Baptism Prep Class	Thursday, March 11, 7:00 pm
KC Fish Fry, Take Out Only	Friday, March 12, 5:00-7:00 pm
Penance Service	Sunday, March 14, 4:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration will be in the Church with the regular schedule being followed. Eucharistic Adoration Times are: Tues. & Thurs. from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Wed. from 10:00 am - 10:00 pm.

Holy Pilgrimage with Jesus: Next Sunday, March 7th, 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.

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 \$11,225.00.

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.

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton

We have prayed 15,468

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.



