



# St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

March 7, 2021  
Third 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.

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**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*

## **PARISH LENTEN MISSION:**

Our 3-Night Parish Lenten Mission beginning on March 21st 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 21-23**. 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.



Fervent devotees of Saint Joseph do not allow a day to pass without performing some small acts of devotion in his honor, recommending themselves to him and asking his protection. Let us not forget to fly to him for protection and to give to him our needs. The clients of St. Joseph should be fond of asking

three favors of him every day:

- first, the grace to grow more and more in the intimate love of Jesus and Mary;
- secondly, the grace to unite properly, as he did, the interior with the exterior life (the interior life is the movements of grace within a person, which includes their prayer life, and the exterior life are the works of grace one accomplishes through physical acts);
- and finally, the grace of a happy, edifying, and consoling death.

His life was especially notable from this threefold viewpoint.

Thus, it would appear that the Saint had been endowed by God with a special power to procure these graces for us.

Wednesdays, in particular, are generally dedicated to the honor of St. Joseph, much like Fridays to the Sacred Heart and Saturdays to Our Lady. In the Church's year of worship there are two feasts of the Saint that are celebrated throughout the whole Church; the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on March 19, which originated in the fifteenth century under Pope Sixtus IV, and the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, celebrated on May 1.

Moreover, the entire month of March has been especially dedicated to the veneration of St. Joseph as promulgated by Pope Pius IX and Pope Leo XII. Besides, each of his feasts are great opportunities to pray a novena in preparation for their celebration. We will begin praying a Novena to St. Joseph on Wednesday, March 10, immediately following the Chaplet of St. John before Mass. We will pray this Novena for nine consecutive days, ending on March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph. We will also consecrate the parish to this Saint at the Saturday Vigil Mass on March 20, and again on Sunday morning Mass, March 21. Bishop Folda will be consecrating the whole diocese to St. Joseph on March 19.

Interestingly, the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19 this year falls on a Friday. Solemnities are never times of fasting and abstinence, which means we can eat meat on March 19. Ah, just another bonus from this great Saint! Continue asking him to help this Lent to be most fruitful for you in God.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### 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

### Monday, March 8

5:30 pm - Jerry Pletka +

5:00-5:20 pm - Confession in Classroom #1

### Tuesday, March 9

5:30 pm - Michael Frank Misialek Sr. +

5:00-5:20 pm - Confession in Classroom #1

### Wednesday, March 10

5:30 pm - Agnes Lessard +

5:00-5:20 pm - Confession in Classroom #1

5:00 pm Rosary, Begin Novena to St. Joseph

### Thursday, March 11

5:30 pm - Louis & Alma Collette +

5:00-5:20 pm - Confession in Classroom #1

5:00 pm Rosary, Novena to St. Joseph

### Friday, March 12

5:30 pm - Marjorie & Jake Hodny, Constance Hodny+

5:00-5:20 pm - Confession in Classroom #1

5:00 pm Rosary, Novena to St. Joseph

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 13

10:30 am - Terry Eppler & Ed Desloge +

5:00 pm - Tony & June French +

Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

Novena to St. Joseph

### Sunday, March 14

7:30 am Oakwood - Orell Sevigny +

9:30 am - Parishioners

Confession 9:00-9:20 am

Novena to St. Joseph



### 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

***Sacred Heart & St. John:*** Please send in your sheets for lilies in Memory of your Loved Ones by March 21st to be put into the bulletin.

### **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.

## STEWARDSHIP

Let us honor God with our first fruits!

Praise the Lord!

### St. John the Evangelist

Given February 28, 2021 - \$9,434.50

Goal for God's Gift 2021 = \$87,704.00

### Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given February 28, 2021 - \$605.00

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:

Parish Lenten Mission rescheduled for March 21, 22 and 23

RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 pm
Begin Novena to St. Joseph	Wednesday, March 10, 5:25 pm
Faith Formation, Grades 4-5	Wednesday, March 10, 6:30 pm
High School Youth Group	Wednesday, March 10, 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
Bible Study	Monday, March 15, 7:00 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, March 16, 7:00 pm
Faith Formation, Grades 6-8	Wednesday, March 17, 6:30 pm
High School Youth Group	Wednesday, March 17, 7:30 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: Today, Sunday, March 7th, Deacon Mike 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 \$11,825.00.

**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 15,730

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.



