



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

April 11, 2021
Divine Mercy Sunday

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, Classroom #1
Sunday: 9:00-9:20 am in the Church Confessional
Daily Confession (Tues.-Fri.) 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
fr.jeff@stjohnsgrafton.com

DeeDee - deedee@stjohnsgrafton.com
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Kathy - kathy@stjohnsgrafton.com

Bulletin - find it at stjohnsgrafton.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

Resurrected ALTAR SOCIETY:

We are bringing back the Altar Society and looking for some new members. This ministry puts on meals for parish functions and funerals. We are providing again the option for funeral receptions with meals and need parishioners who would gladly give their time to serve those who are grieving. If you are interested, please contact Mary (John) Dusek 701-520-0163 or Kelly Dokken 701-360-7024 or the parish office.



Divine Mercy Sunday is a time of tremendous grace for the People of God! Today's Feast of Mercy is the deep desire of the Heart of Jesus to glorify the magnitude of His infinite mercy for sinners. In His revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, Jesus made mention of His yearning concerning this Feast of Mercy on 14 different occasions. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in entry 699 of the *Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska*:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

Every one of us has the opportunity to respond to Jesus' invitation to plunge into the ocean of His mercy. This gift of Christ converts souls from godlessness to holiness. It is this mercy that restores what is lost in a person and makes them redeemable. Only the soul that does not repent of its sins cannot be saved. To cling to sin is to reject forgiveness. Jesus wants to forgive us more than we want to be forgiven. He wants to heal and elevate us because He loves us.

The three great expressions of His mercy are the sacraments of Baptism, Confession and Eucharist. We see red and white rays of light bursting from Christ's Heart in the Image of Divine Mercy: the white ray (grace) represents the water of Baptism and the red ray (mercy) the gift of the Eucharist (in reference to the water and blood that poured out of His Heart at the time of His death).

The Church teaches that all Catholics must go to Confession at least once a year, during Easter time. We find the Resurrected Jesus raising souls from spiritual death to a new life of love and grace in Confession. Confession brings us back to the purity and holiness of our Baptism. In St. Faustina's diary, Jesus calls the Confessional the Tribunal of His Mercy, where the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. We should not be afraid to approach Him in this sacrament. Only the arrogant refuse this new life. Let us humble ourselves and drink deeply from the Fount of Divine Mercy.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, April 10

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters

5:00 pm - Marguerite Jadeke +

Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

5:20 pm - Divine Mercy Novena

Sunday, April 11 - Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 am Oakwood - Orell Sevigny +

9:30 am - Parishioners

Confession 9:00-9:20 am

1:00-4:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Confession 1:00-3:00 pm

3:00-4:00 pm - Divine Mercy Holy Hour of
Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, April 12

No Mass

Tuesday, April 13

5:30 pm - Jim & Myrna Greenwood +

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

Wednesday, April 14

5:30 pm - Theresa Dahlgren +

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

Thursday, April 15

5:30 pm - Louis & Alma Collette +

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

Friday, April 16

5:30 pm - Jim Schieffer +

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

Saturday, April 17

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +

5:00 pm - Marjorie & Jake Hodny, Constance Hodny +

Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

Sunday, April 18

7:30 am Oakwood - Holy Souls in Purgatory +

9:30 am - Parishioners

Confession 9:00-9:20 am



Please Pray for the Sick:

Danni Marie Scott, Anna Seeba, Joan Brien, Joanie Anderson, Dean Demester, Ron Houska, Greg from Texas, Jennifer Lynch, Linda Thompson, Travis Loveless, Darrah Isaacson, Lorna Collette, Moe Staffne, Lennae Kosmatka, Ken Jarolimek, Adam Granados, Gary Moe, Jane Zidon, Tracy Jamieson, Cindy Jamieson, Steve Lessard, Amanda LaTraille, Robert Novak, Rae Desautel, Jeff Collette, Ralph Kingsbury, Ed Boura, Steve Dolan, Les Aasand, Steve Walters, Clifford Bailly, Chris Loveless, Linda Loveless, JoAnne Sevigny, Barb Foerster-Estad, Frances Schuster, Aldo Rodriguez, Daryle MacDonald, Marvin French, Kevin Bailly, Brian Fehr, Frances Boulduc, Ron Nowacki, Bonnie Shannon, Judy Wolter, Robert Carroll, Judy Jiskra, Suzanne Burns, Jodi McCarthy, Diane Lee, Hope Reis, Patrice & Thea Katz, Brad Schuster, Monica Rudnik, Chad Demers, Jeanne Silewski, Roger Mattson, Emma Basting, John Campbell, Roger Amiot, Kevin Hoenke, Adly Galle Jaehning

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

Tuesday from 6pm - 10pm

Wednesday from 10am - 5pm and 6pm - 10pm

Thursday from 6pm - 1pm

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given April 4, 2021 - \$10,730.50

God's Gift total Given as of April 4, 2021 - \$31,564.62

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given April 4, 2021 - \$1,711.00

God's Gift total Given as of April 4, 2021 - \$2,650.00

CANCELLED: Holy Land items for sale has been cancelled.
This will be rescheduled at a later date.

St. John's Cemetery Board will meet on Sunday,
April 18, 2021 at 11:00 am in classroom No. 6.

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

1st Confession Retreat	Sat., April 10, 10:00 - Noon
Cancelled - Bible Study	Monday, April 12th
RCIA for Adults	Tues., April 13, 7:00 pm
Faith Formation, Grades 4-5	Wed., April 14, 6:30 pm
High School Youth Group	Wed., April 14, 7:30 pm
Finance Council	Thurs., April 15, 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board Mtg	Sun., April 18, 11:00 am
RCIA for Adults	Tues., April 20, 7:00 pm
Faith Formation, Easter Party for Grades 1-8	Wed., April 21, 6:30 pm
High School Youth Group	Wed., April 21, 7:30 pm
Pastoral Council	Thurs., April 22, 7:00 pm
Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics	Sunday, April 25, 3:00 pm
Confirmation in Warsaw	Saturday, May 1, 7:00 pm

St. John's would like to start a **Funeral Fund** to help with the cost of funerals here at the Parish Center. You can give as a Memorial or in General as a gift. Thank You!

St. John Memorials

Vicky Hills	\$20	Cemetery Fund
Sass Family	\$100	Cemetery Fund

St. Joseph Statue was donated.

Sacred Heart Memorial

Marcell Fliccek	\$20	Cemetery Fund
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10,000 Rosaries for Grafton

We have prayed 16,732

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.*



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: We are waiting for the completed price. We have currently raised \$11,860.00. Thank you!

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

New Lighting for the Gathering Space: Total will be \$6,604. A donation of \$6,000 was received.

New carpet and furniture for the Gathering Space: Approximately \$12,000-15,000. \$755 has been donated so far.



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**Decree
Reinstating the General Obligation to Attend Mass**

In Nomine Domini. Amen.

Whereas, due to the severity of the Covid-19 pandemic, on March 17, 2020 I dispensed the faithful of the Diocese of Fargo from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation; and

Whereas, circumstances now allow us to attend Mass safely;

Therefore, beginning May 1, 2021, the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is reinstated in the Diocese of Fargo.

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe they were recently exposed to Covid-19 or another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or a nursing facility; those who care for the sick, the infirm, and the homebound; those who are unable to attend Mass through no fault of their own; those with underlying health conditions or in a high-risk category; and those who have significant fear or anxiety of becoming ill by attending Mass.

One should consult their pastor if questions arise about the obligation to attend Mass.

With an assurance of prayers for the holiness and good health of all, I extend my apostolic blessing to the faithful of the Diocese of Fargo.

+John T. Folda
Bishop of Fargo

Given at the Diocesan Pastoral Center
this 1st day of April, 2021

Mr. Timothy Olson, JCL
Chancellor