



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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, 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 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

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING: Tuesday, April 27th at 6:30 in the Parish Center. All Parishioners are welcome to come and join.

We want You to be a member! Thank you!!

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton: We begin this wonderful prayerful endeavor again on May 1st. We have done an excellent job so far, keep up the great prayerful work! Saving souls one bead at a time!



Jesus is our Good Shepherd who leads us to verdant meadows. He protects His sheep and provides us with the nourishment that satisfies the soul. He gives us His own Flesh and Blood to sustain us in this life and in the life to come. We really receive Jesus Himself in the Holy Eucharist, not a symbol of Him. This reception of His Flesh and Blood imbues us with the pledge of a future resurrection, where death is destroyed forever. St. Irenaeus, bishop and martyr (202 A.D.) wrote in his treatise Against Heresies:

"If our flesh is not saved, then the Lord has not redeemed us with his blood, the eucharistic chalice does not make us sharers in his blood, and the bread we break does not make us sharers in his body. There can be no blood without veins, flesh and the rest of the human substance, and this the Word of God actually became: it was with his own blood that he redeemed us. As the Apostle says: *In him, through his blood, we have been redeemed, our sins have been forgiven.*

We are his members and we are nourished by creatures, which is his gift to us, for it is he who causes the sun to rise and the rain to fall. He declared that the chalice, which comes from his creation, was his blood, and he makes it the nourishment of our blood. He affirmed that the bread, which comes from his creation, was his body, and he makes it the nourishment of our body. When the chalice we mix and the bread we bake receive the word of God, the eucharistic elements become the body and blood of Christ, by which our bodies live and grow. How then can it be said that flesh belonging to the Lord's own body and nourished by his body and blood is incapable of receiving God's gift of eternal life? Saint Paul says in his letter to the Ephesians that *we are members of his body*, of his flesh and bones. He is not speaking of some spiritual and incorporeal kind of man, *for spirits do not have flesh and bones*. He is speaking of a real human body composed of flesh, sinews and bones, nourished by the chalice of Christ's blood and receiving growth from the bread which is his body.

The slip of a vine planted in the ground bears fruit at the proper time. The grain of wheat falls into the ground and decays only to be raised up again and multiplied by the Spirit of God who sustains all things. The Wisdom of God places these things at the service of man and when they receive God's word they become the eucharist, which is the body and blood of Christ. In the same way our bodies, which have been nourished by the eucharist, will be buried in the earth and will decay, but they will rise again at the appointed time, for the Word of God will raise them up to the glory of God the Father. Then the Father will clothe our mortal nature in immortality and freely endow our corruptible nature with incorruptibility, for God's power is shown most perfectly in weakness."

So, let us faithfully cling to the gift and promise of resurrection that Jesus our Good Shepherd gives to us in the Eucharist.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton

We have prayed 17,241

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.

We will begin this prayerful endeavor again on May 1



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, April 24

10:30 am - Souls in Purgatory +
5:00 pm - Jean Leighton +
Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

Sunday, April 25

7:30 am Oakwood - Parishioners
9:30 am - Merlyn & Vivian Collette +
Confession 9:00-9:20 am
3:00 pm - Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics

Monday, April 26

10:30 am - Funeral John Schnellbach +

Tuesday, April 27

5:30 pm - Kathy Ruzicka +
5:00-5:20 pm - Confession in Classroom #1

Wednesday, April 28

5:30 pm - Louis & Alma Collette +
5:00-5:20 pm - Confession in Classroom #1

Thursday, April 29

5:30 pm - Al Leighton +
5:00-5:20 pm - Confession in Classroom #1

Friday, April 30

10:30 am - Funeral - Valerian Schanilec +
5:30 pm - Michael Frank Misialek Sr. +
5:00-5:20 pm - Confession in Classroom #1

Saturday, May 1

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters
5:00 pm - Theresa Dahlgren +
Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

Sunday, May 2

7:30 am Oakwood - Parishioners
9:30 am - Jeff & Endora Blanchard
Confession 9:00-9:20 am

Mass Obligation goes into effect again beginning on May 1.



Our Sympathy
to the families of
Valerian Schanilec &
John Schnellbach

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 & 6pm - 10pm

Thursday from 6pm - 1pm

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given April 18, 2021 - \$3,265.50
God's Gift total Given as of April 21, 2021 - \$37,019.62

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given April 18, 2021- \$251.00
God's Gift total Given as of April 21, 2021 - \$2,850.00

MAY CROWNING & RECEPTION: On Sunday, May 2, we will have a May Crowning of Our Lady at the 9:30am Mass, followed by a reception after Mass for all our newly Confirmed students, who were Confirmed the night before by Bishop Folda. Come and celebrate Our Lady and our younger brothers and sisters in the Faith.

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics	Sunday, April 25, 3:00 pm
Bible Study	Monday, April 26, 7:00 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, April 27, 7:00 pm
Altar Society Meeting	Tuesday, April 27, 6:30 pm
Rehearsal in Warsaw for Confirmands in May	Wed., April 28, 7:00 pm
Parish Council Meeting	Thurs., April 29, 7:00 pm
Confirmation in Warsaw	Saturday, May 1, 7:00 pm
Reception for New Confirmands	Sun., May 2 after 9:30 Mass
Everyone is invited to the reception to celebrate with our new brothers and sisters in the Faith.	
Bible Study	Monday, May 3, 7:00 pm
Youth Committee Meeting	Tuesday, May 4, 6:30 pm

St. John's Cemetery Board will meet on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 11:30 am in classroom No. 6.

Fr. Jeff will be in St. Louis visiting his family May 3rd - 21st. We will only be having weekend Masses during this time. There will be no daily Mass while he is gone. Eucharistic Adoration will continue during this time.

*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!*

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 \$11,870.00. Thank you!

Assisted Listening Option (for hearing impaired): We hope to 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. \$775 has been donated so far.

St. John Memorials

Marcell Flicek	\$35	Cemetery Fund
Marcell Flicek	\$30	Unrestricted
Marcell Flick	\$20	Gathering Space

St. Joseph Statue was donated.

